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LODGES IN EUROPE AND AMERICA, ACCORDING TO
THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

MARCH 8, 1876.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, GRAND MASTER.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS, GRAND SECRETARY.

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MARCH 8, A. L. 5876.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST
WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COM-
MONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the
Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednes-
day, the eighth day of March, A. L. 5876, A. D.
1876.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	as Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER . . .	Corresponding Grand Secret'ry.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. SETH C. AMES . . .	" " District No. 3.
R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON . . .	" " District No. 4.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER . . .	" " District No. 6.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS . . .	" " District No. 7.
R.W. JONAS K. PATCH . . .	" " District No. 8.
R.W. JOHN E. SHIPMAN . . .	" " District No. 10.

R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 11.
R.W. GEORGE L. RHOADS . . .	" " District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART . . .	" " District No. 14.
R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD . . .	" " District No. 15.
R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN . . .	" " District No. 16.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE . . .	" " District No. 17.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG . . .	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN . . .	Grand Lecturer.
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS,	} Junior Grand Stewards.
W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER,	
W. HENRY STEPHENSON,	
W. BAALIS SANFORD, JR. . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. FREDERICK D. ELY,	} Grand Pursuivants.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON,	
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW . . .	Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE . .	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME . . .	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON . .	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM A. DAME . . .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. REV. E. M. P. WELLS . .	" " " "
R.W. GEORGE W. WARREN . . .	" " " "
R.W. MARSHALL P. WILDER . .	" " " "
R.W. BRADFORD L. WALES . .	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON . . .	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE . .	" " "
R.W. DAVID W. CRAFTS . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES KIMBALL . . .	" " "
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL . .	" " "
R.W. IVORY H. POPE . . .	" " "
R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR . . .	" " "

R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . . Past Grand Warden.

R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL . . . " " "

BRETHREN ON STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

R.W. EDWARD AVERY.

W. HENRY J. PARKER.

R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH.

W. JAMES MILLS.

R.W. ANDREW G. SMITH.

W. WILLIAM J. STEVENS.

W. JOSEPH WINDSOR.

BRO. FRANK E. JONES.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, P. M., with prayer by W. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing.

Very finely executed Square and Compasses, of solid silver, were presented to the Grand Lodge, through the Recording Grand Secretary, by R.W. Bro. Gen. William Sutton, Past Grand Warden, and, on motion of R.W. John T. Heard, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to Bro. Sutton for this elegant and very acceptable gift. The Grand Marshal received them from the hands of the Grand Master, and adjusted them in their proper place upon the Great Light.

The Records of the Annual and Stated Communications of December, 1875, were approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The Record of the Special Communication of February 9, 1876, at North Attleborough, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic apartments of Bristol Lodge, was read and approved.

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws:—

MIZPAH LODGE, Cambridgeport, full code.
MOUNT HOPE LODGE, Fall River, full code.
CHICOPEE LODGE, Chicopee, full code.
MYSTIC LODGE, Pittsfield, full code.
HUNTINGTON LODGE, Huntington, amendment.
TEMPLE LODGE, East Boston, amendments.
SAINT MARTIN'S LODGE, Chatham, amendment.
HAMPDEN LODGE, Springfield, full code.
WILDER LODGE, Leominster, amendment.
PIONEER LODGE, Somerset, amendments.
MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE, South Hadley Falls, amendment.
CHARITY LODGE, North Cambridge, amendment.
ANCIENT YORK LODGE, Lowell, amendment.

Proxies were presented from

CRESCENT LODGE, Pittsfield, in favor of R.W. BRO. HENRY CHICKERING.

SAINT PAUL LODGE, Ayer, in favor of W. BRO. E. DANA BANCROFT.

MARINERS LODGE, Cotuit, in favor of W. BRO. THOMAS CHATFIELD.

HYDE PARK LODGE, Hyde Park, in favor of W. BRO. FERGUS A. EASTON.

GRECIAN LODGE, Lawrence, in favor of W. BRO. CHARLES H. LITTLEFIELD.

IONIC LODGE, Easthampton, in favor of W. BRO. LAFAYETTE CLAPP.

QUABOAG LODGE, Warren, in favor of R.W. BRO. JOHN WETHERBEE.

EZEKIEL BATES LODGE, Attleborough, in favor of BRO. ALBERT W. STURDY.

REPUBLICAN LODGE, Greenfield, in favor of R.W. BRO. BOWDOIN S. PARKER.

PLYMOUTH LODGE, Plymouth, in favor of W. BRO. JOSIAH C. FULLER.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

The proceedings of Star Lodge, of Athol, in the trial of Henry M. Burleigh, were submitted for examination and approval, and were referred to the Committee on Trials.

The petition of George E. Rockwell, of Pittsfield, for formal healing, was received and referred to the Committee on Healing.

It having been made to appear that the Charter of Aconcagua Lodge, of Valparaiso, Chili, had been destroyed by fire, and a petition being presented, through the District Deputy Grand Master of Chili, for a new Charter in place of that lost, it was, on motion of the Recording Grand Secretary, unanimously

Voted, That the Recording Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare a new Charter for Aconcagua Lodge, in place of that destroyed by fire, to be signed by the present Grand Officers, with the date of this order ; but in all other respects to be an exact copy of the original Charter as now recorded in the Charter Register of this Grand Lodge.

The Recording Grand Secretary stated that at the last Festival Communication of the Grand Lodge, an ancient pitcher, covered with Masonic emblems, was presented to the Grand Lodge, by W. Bro. Dana Z. Smith, of Salem, and moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. Smith for the same; and the motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

The roll of the Lodges was called and the following were found to be represented: —

ADELPHI.	JOHN ABBOT.	ORPHAN'S HOPE.
AMICABLE.	JOHN CUTLER.	PALESTINE.
ANCIENT LANDMARK.	JOHN HANCOCK.	PAUL DEAN.
ANCIENT YORK.	JOHN T. HEARD.	PAUL REVERE.
ATHOL.	JORDAN.	PENTUCKET.
BAALBEC.	JOSEPH WARREN.	PILGRIM.
BELMONT.	KILWINNING.	PIONEER.
BETH-HORON.	KING PHILIP.	PLYMOUTH.
BLACKSTONE RIVER.	KING SOLOMON.	QUABOAG.
BRISTOL.	KONOHASSETT.	QUINSIGAMOND.
CALEB BUTLER.	LAFAYETTE	RABBONI.
CHARITY.	(Boston Highlands).	REPUBLICAN.
CHARLES A. WELCH.	MARINERS.	REVERE.
CHARLES C. DAME.	MERIDIAN.	RISING STAR.
CHARLES H. TITUS.	MERRIMACK.	ROSWELL LEE.
CHICOPEE.	MIZPAH.	SAGGAHEW.
COCHICHEWICK.	MONITOR.	SAINT ALBAN'S.
COLUMBIAN.	MORNING STAR.	SAINT JAMES.
CORINTHIAN.	MONTACUTE.	SAINT JOHN'S
CORNER STONE.	MONTGOMERY.	(Boston).
CRESCENT.	MOAIC.	SAINT MARTIN'S.
DELTA.	MOUNTAIN.	SAINT MATTHEW'S.
ELEUSIS.	MOUNT CARMEL.	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).
ELIOT.	MOUNT HOPE.	SAINT PAUL'S
ESSEX.	MOUNT LEBANON.	(South Boston).
EUREKA.	MOUNT MORIAH.	SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.
EZEKIEL BATES.	MOUNT OLIVET.	STAR.
FELLOWSHIP.	MOUNT TABOR.	STAR IN THE EAST.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE.	MOUNT TOM.	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.
GERMANIA.	MOUNT VERNON.	STARR KING.
GOOD SAMARITAN.	MOUNT ZION.	TUSCAN.
GRECIAN.	NORFOLK UNION.	WARREN.
HAMMATT.	NORTH STAR.	WASHINGTON.
HAMPDEN.	OLD COLONY.	WILLIAM SUTTON.
HENRY PRICE.	OLIVE BRANCH.	WINSLOW LEWIS.
HYDE PARK.	ORANGE.	ZETLAND.
IONIC (Easthampton).	ORIENT.	

The following communication was reported by the Recording Grand Secretary, and ordered to be placed on file: —

VOTE OF THANKS TO GRAND LODGE FROM WASHINGTON
NATIONAL MONUMENT SOCIETY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31, 1876.

R.W. CHAS. H. TITUS, *Gr. Secretary Gr. Lodge, Mass. A.F.A.M.*: —

DEAR SIR, — The following resolution, being submitted by Chas. F. Stansbury, M.D., was unanimously adopted by the “Washington National Monument Society” at its last meeting: —

“*Resolved*, That the thanks of the ‘Washington National Monument Society’ are hereby tendered to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Massachusetts, for the liberal subscription voted by them at their last annual meeting, and to R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, for the earnest and patriotic remarks with which he introduced the resolution proposing the subscription.”

I am very respectfully,

JOHN CARROLL BRENT,

Secretary.

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master’s Annual Address presented the following report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER’S
ANNUAL ADDRESS.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, BOSTON, March 8, 1876.

The committee to whom was referred the annual address of the Grand Master beg leave to report: —

The topics alluded to in it are so clearly stated that your committee find little to comment upon or suggest.

The finances of the Grand Lodge have been brought into such a condition, by the generous labors of those who have had charge of them during the last five or six years, that all reason for anxiety in this respect is removed; but your committee hope that when the present season of pecuniary embarrassment in the country has passed away, and prosperity again returns to the business community, the present debt of \$300,000 may be got rid of, and all the income applied directly to the true purposes of Masonry.

The figures which are given in the address show, however, that thus far the regular income of the Grand Lodge has not been greatly affected by the pressure of the times, and the fact that Dispensations for five new Lodges have been granted since last April proves that the zeal of the Brethren has not been extinguished.

The plan for the preservation of the ritual from innovation has been very successful, and the work is now exemplified with an accuracy and freedom from change which was impossible to be attained under the old system by the most accomplished lecturers.

The Grand Master has, in his address, alluded very fully to the matter of Masonic trials, the constantly increasing frequency of them, as the number of Lodges and the members of the Fraternity increase, and has pointed out the difficulties which seem necessarily to attend the trials of accused Brethren in their own Lodges; and we think that the members of the Grand Lodge must fully agree with him that some remedy for these difficulties is desirable. There is no doubt that in some Lodges the members hesitate to commence one of these trials,

on account of their want of familiarity with the proper manner of conducting them. Probably no Masons see more clearly these difficulties, and feel less desire to encounter them on the comparatively few occasions when a Lodge is called upon to do so, than the members of that profession who are presumed to be most familiar with matters of this kind. If a tribunal could be established, upon which should devolve the duty of conducting all such trials, its members would soon acquire an experience and skill enabling them to perform the duty more easily, thoroughly, and impartially than it can now be possibly done in each individual Lodge. There are, however, serious objections to a plan which removes the trial of an alleged offender from his own Lodge, and places it in the hands of a body chosen by the Grand Lodge; and these objections have been very ably stated in the discussions upon the subject in the Grand Lodge itself. It may, perhaps, be considered that these objections are, to some extent, but not wholly, removed by leaving it optional with each Lodge, either to try those, who, by the present laws are within its jurisdiction, by the Lodge itself, or to send them to be tried by a tribunal constituted in the manner which has been recommended by the different committees to whom this subject has been from time to time committed. In a matter, however, of such importance, and having so great a tendency to centralize business in the Grand Lodge, a Body having already much to attend to, your committee believe that the fullest opportunity for discussion and reflection should be afforded to the members of the Grand Lodge before any conclusion is reached, even though it should require many more postponements of the subject, and that no change should be made at least for the present without the nearly unanimous assent of the various Lodges. This opinion they find is shared

by them in common with many of the officers of the Grand Lodge and its oldest and most respected members.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES A. WELCH,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
WILLIAM J. SAWIN,
Committee.

The committee to whom, at our Annual Communication in December last, were recommitted the proposed amendments of Article IV., Part III., of the Grand Constitutions, submitted the following, as an amendment to the proposed Article, to be numbered V., under Section 1: —

ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT TO ART. IV., PART III.

Any Lodge may, notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, proceed to try any Brother subject to its jurisdiction, against whom such an accusation as is therein contemplated, has been made, *provided*, such Lodge, by a majority vote, at the next Stated Communication after the accusation shall have been presented, shall decide in favor of such a trial. In such case, all the proceedings in respect to service upon the respondent, the time, place, and method of trial, including the sentence, the record, and the report to the Grand Lodge, shall conform to the foregoing rules, so far as the same shall be applicable.

This provision was submitted to the Grand Lodge, and it was adopted by unanimous vote.

The proposed Article, as thus amended, was submitted by the committee for the final action of the Grand Lodge, as follows:—

ARTICLE IV. [PART III.]

TRIALS, SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall annually appoint a Board of five members of the Grand Lodge, to be styled *Commissioners of Trials*; but he may in his discretion appoint a Special Board of Commissioners for the trial of any given cause. All Commissioners shall be Past or Present Masters. The first named of said Board shall be the President thereof, and three members shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of the President the Board may elect a President *pro tempore*. Whenever a member of a Lodge, or a Brother under this jurisdiction, shall be accused of any offence, which, if proved, would subject him to expulsion or suspension from the rights and privileges of Masonry, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules:—

I. The accusation shall be made in writing, with specifications of the offence, under the signature of a Master Mason, and, if the accused is a member of any Lodge within the jurisdiction, shall be given in charge to the Master thereof, who shall summon his Lodge to act upon the accusation. If the Lodge by a majority vote of its members present determine that the charges require investigation, then the accusation shall be given in charge to the President or President *pro tempore* of the Board, who, under direction of the Board, shall cause the accused to be served with an attested copy of the charges, together with a summons to appear, at a time and place to be named in said summons, and make such answer to the charges

and accusations as he may desire. The summons shall be served upon the accused fourteen days, at least, before the return day thereof. Such appearance may be made in person before the President or President *pro tempore*, or by filing an answer in writing with such President. If the residence of the accused be out of the Commonwealth, and unknown, the Commissioners may proceed to examine the charges and accusation *ex parte*; but if known and out of the Commonwealth, a summons shall be sent him, by mail or otherwise, sixty days, at least, before the time appointed for his appearance. The service and the return thereof shall be according to regulations to be made by the Commissioners, and, when so made, shall be conclusive.

In case of unaffiliated or sojourning Masons the accusation made as aforesaid shall be given in charge to the President or President *pro tempore* of the Board, and if the Board of Commissioners shall determine that the charges require investigation, the Board shall thereafter proceed in the same manner as above required in the case of an affiliated Mason whose Lodge has determined that the charges require investigation.

II. The examination upon the charges and accusation shall be had at some convenient place and time, to be designated by the Commissioners, of which due notice shall be given, and no visitors shall be admitted, except as counsel or witnesses. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commissioners, the testimony may be taken by the President or President *pro tempore*, who shall reduce the same to writing, to be submitted to the Board. Witnesses, if Masons, shall testify on their honor as such. Other witnesses shall be duly sworn before their testimony is taken.

III. Any Brother duly authorized may appear as counsel in support of, or in opposition to, the charges during the taking of the testimony and in the argument of the cause.

IV. A full record of the proceedings in each case, whatever may be the result thereof, including the testimony taken, the action of the Commissioners thereon, and the sentence, if any, imposed upon the accused, to be signed by the Commissioners acting in such case, shall be transmitted to the Recording Grand Secretary, by him to be placed on file and presented to the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication. The action of the Commissioners, including the sentence, if any, imposed upon the respondent, if approved, shall stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge. The finding of the Commissioners shall be subject to correction or review by the Grand Lodge, who may order a new trial, or otherwise dispose of the case.

V. Any Lodge may, notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, proceed to try any Brother, subject to its jurisdiction, against whom such an accusation as is therein contemplated has been made, *provided* such Lodge, by a majority vote, at the next Stated Communication after the accusation shall have been presented, shall decide in favor of such a trial. In such case all the proceedings in respect to service upon the respondent, the time, place and method of trial, including the sentence, the record and the report to the Grand Lodge, shall conform to the foregoing rules, so far as the same shall be applicable.

SECT. 2. Any five members of a Lodge, or the District Deputy Grand Master, may impeach the Master of said Lodge before the Grand Master, who shall order an investigation of the charges ; and if, in his opinion, they are well founded and of a character to justify the proceeding, he may suspend the delinquent and summon him to appear for trial before said Commissioners, or such special Commissioners as the Grand Master may appoint. The foregoing rules, as far as the same shall be applicable, shall be observed in the trial of a Master of a Lodge before such Commissioners.

SECT. 3. The Commissioners shall receive for their services, and for necessary expenses in each case, such compensation as the Grand Master shall determine and allow, upon the certificate of the Commissioners.

SECT. 4. An expulsion or suspension of a Brother from any Masonic Body other than a Lodge of Master Masons, or a Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over such Brother, shall not operate as an expulsion or suspension from Masonry, or from the Lodge of which he is a member.

SECT. 5. No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall expel or suspend a member from the rights of Masonry.

SECT. 6. Forfeiture or suspension of membership shall not be imposed until the delinquent has been duly notified of the time when and place where action will be taken in his case. If the residence of the delinquent is out of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or unknown, no notice shall be required.

After a very full discussion the vote of the Grand Lodge was taken, with the following result: —

Grand Officers—yeas, 27; nays, 1.

Permanent members—yeas, 10; nays, 2.

93 Lodges, three votes each; yeas, 226; nays, 56.

Total, yeas 263, nays 59.

Whole number of votes, 322.

- The Grand Master declared Article IV., Part III., of the Grand Constitutions, as here set forth, to be adopted by the constitutional majority.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, in behalf of the

Committee on Ritual, made a verbal report in relation to the new Masonic Trestle-Board which the Grand Lodge has instructed the committee to prepare ; and on motion the committee were authorized to report in print, and final action thereon to be had at the Quarterly Communication in June next.

The Committee on Trials submitted the following report : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIALS ON THE PROCEEDINGS
OF STAR LODGE IN THE TRIAL OF HENRY M. BURLEIGH.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, March 8, 1876.

The committee to whom were referred the proceedings of Star Lodge of Athol, in the trial of Henry M. Burleigh, submit the following report : —

The charge against the respondent was made by the Junior Warden of Star Lodge, in accordance with a vote of the Lodge upon a report of a Committee of Investigation, and was presented at a Regular Communication of the Lodge, held February 14, 1876.

The charge and specifications were as follows, viz. : —
“Charge. — Unmasonic conduct.” “Specifications. — In that the said Bro. Henry Matthews Burleigh did, while a member of said Lodge, and being Senior Warden of the same, cheat and defraud Bro. Martin W. Richardson, a member of said Lodge, and did embezzle and convert to his own use, and abscond with certain moneys belonging to him, the said Martin W. Richardson.”

It does not appear by the record that any summons was ordered by the W.M. to the accused, and no formal return is

made ; but the Secretary of the Lodge, in making his certificate of notice to the members of the Lodge to attend the Special Communication called for the trial of the accused, adds : —

“ And I further certify that the residence of the respondent is to me unknown.”

We cannot but regard the proceedings in this case as very irregular. The W.M. should have directed a copy of the charges to have been served upon the respondent, and issued a summons for his appearance, as required by the regulations of the Grand Lodge, and upon the summons thus issued by the W.M. the return should have been made that the residence of the accused was “ out of the State and unknown,” and with the return on the summons the Lodge would have been justified in proceeding with an *ex parte* trial.

But your committee do not regard this irregularity sufficient in the present case to require action *de novo*, as by the evidence reported it appears that the accused absconded last October, and that nothing has been heard from him since.

The fact, therefore, that his residence was “ unknown,” and, by a fair inference, “ out of the State,” at the time the charge was preferred and the trial had, seems to be sufficiently established. The Lodge was, therefore, justified in proceeding to an *ex parte* trial.

The evidence presented at the trial fully sustains the charge and specifications ; and your committee recommend that the proceedings be confirmed.

It is to be regretted that the W.M. did not, instead of a notice, issue a formal summons to the members of the Lodge to be present at the trial, and that the record does not contain the names of all the members of the Lodge, designating those present and those absent.

It appears by the record that forty members voted, and a .

note at the foot of the records informs us that there are ninety members belonging to Star Lodge.

It is apparent, therefore, that not half the members of the Lodge were present at the trial; this undoubtedly resulted from the fact that the W.M. simply directed the Secretary to notify the members instead of summoning them to be present. When a Brother is to be tried for an offence which may be followed by the highest punishment that can be inflicted on a Mason, the Master of the Lodge should, by a peremptory summons, command the attendance of every member of the Lodge who cannot present a sufficient excuse, and the record of the trial should contain the names of every member present, and voting on the issue.

EDWARD AVERY,
SAMUEL WELLS,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
Committee.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted, confirming the action of Star Lodge in expelling Henry Matthews Burleigh from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

The Committee on Healing made report on the petition of James Barnes, of Somerville, which was accepted, and the recommendation that the petitioner be formally healed was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALING ON THE PETITION OF JAMES BARNES, OF SOMERVILLE.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, March 8, 1876.

The committee to whom was referred the application of James

Barnes, of Somerville, to be formally healed, submit the following report: —

The petitioner states, that in 1870 he applied for the degrees to John Abbot Lodge, of Somerville, which application was rejected; that in 1875 he visited his native country, Scotland, and through the influence of some old friends was induced to apply to a Lodge in that country, was accepted, and received the degrees. He avers that he had no thought of applying, when he left America, for the degrees, and that if he had entertained the idea he would have asked permission of John Abbot Lodge.

The petition is accompanied by a certified vote of John Abbot Lodge, passed unanimously at a Regular Communication, as follows: —

“Voted, That John Abbot Lodge recommend to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, that James Barnes be healed as prayed for in his petition.”

This case is somewhat peculiar. The petitioner does not plead ignorance of the Masonic law which he violated, but relies upon the fact that he was urged to violate it by friends in a foreign jurisdiction. If the application to be healed rested on these facts alone your committee would feel bound to recommend that his petition be denied, but their embarrassment arises from the unanimous action of John Abbot Lodge in recommending the granting of the prayer of the petition.

The action of this Lodge shows that the members believe the petitioner to be a person whom they would willingly admit into their own Lodge, and who is entitled to the benefits of the Craft.

In consideration of this endorsement of the petition, formally made by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, your committee

feel constrained, with grave doubts, to recommend that the petitioner be formally healed by the Grand Lodge.

EDWARD AVERY,
SAMUEL WELLS,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
Committee.

The Committee on Healing made report on the petition of George E. Rockwell, of Pittsfield, which was accepted, and the recommendation, that the case be referred to the Grand Master with full authority to heal the petitioner if he shall judge it expedient so to do, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALING ON THE PETITION
OF GEORGE E. ROCKWELL, OF PITTSFIELD.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, March 8, 1876.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of George E. Rockwell, of Pittsfield, for a formal healing, submit the following report: —

The only facts submitted to the committee in this case are contained in the petition, a certified copy of a vote of Mystic Lodge, and a communication from the Secretary of Wetumpka Lodge No. 39, Alabama.

It appears by the petition that the petitioner applied to Mystic Lodge, Pittsfield, some time in 1862 for the degrees and was rejected; that in 1865 he removed to and became a resident of Alabama; that he again applied in Alabama to Wetumpka Lodge No. 39, was accepted, received the degrees, and became a member of that Lodge; that in 1874 he again

removed to Pittsfield; that the petitioner now learns that he was "made a Mason clandestinely, and without knowledge or aforethought of his own." The petition is addressed to the W. Master, Wardens and Members of Mystic Lodge, and is accompanied by a certified copy of a vote passed by Mystic Lodge February 1, 1876, as follows, viz.: —

"That this Lodge recommend the petition of Bro. George E. Rockwell to be healed by the Grand Lodge."

By the communication annexed to the petition from the Secretary of Wetumpka Lodge No. 39, of Wetumpka, Alabama, it appears that the petitioner was not asked, at the time of his application to that Lodge, whether, or not, he had ever applied to any other Lodge for initiation. It is not pretended that the consent or recommendation of Mystic Lodge, or the M.W. Grand Master of this Commonwealth, was given to Wetumpka Lodge, as required by the Grand Constitutions.

But, however much Wetumpka Lodge may have erred in conferring the degrees under the circumstances, it is evident that the petitioner is no way responsible for it, nor did he in any way misrepresent or deceive the Brethren of that Lodge. At the time the application for the degrees was made the petitioner was an actual resident of Wetumpka, and, to use the language of the Secretary of Wetumpka Lodge, "had lived long enough in our midst to satisfy us that [he was] good material for initiation into our Lodge." It also appears incidentally that when the petitioner left Alabama he received a dimit from the Wetumpka Lodge.

The vote of Mystic Lodge would seem to be evidence of the fact that whatever objection originally existed to receiving the petitioner into that Lodge has been removed.

Under these circumstances the judgment of your committee is, that the petitioner should be healed; but as certain facts developed may require further consideration, your committee recommend that the matter be referred to the M.W. Grand Master with full power and authority to heal the petitioner, if he shall deem it expedient.

EDWARD AVERY,

SAMUEL WELLS,

FREDERICK D. ELY,

Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws made report, which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, March 8, 1876.

The Committee on By-Laws, in the pursuance of their duties, have examined the amendments submitted by the following Lodges :—

PIONEER, Somerset,

CHARITY, North Cambridge,

SAINT MARTIN'S, Chatham,

WILDER, Leominster,

HUNTINGTON, Huntington,

ANCIENT YORK, Lowell,

TEMPLE, East Boston,

MOUNT HOLYOKE, South Had-
ley Falls,

and recommend their approval.

We have also examined the full codes submitted by the following Lodges :—

MIZPAH, Cambridgeport,

CHICOPEE, Chicopee,

HAMPDEN, Springfield,

MOUNT HOPE, Fall River,

MYSTIC, Pittsfield.

In all of these, changes have been made to bring them into conformity with the regulations of the M.W. Grand Lodge and Masonic usage.

With the changes made by the committee, and description of seal being furnished by Mount Holyoke, Mizpah, and Hampden Lodges, we recommend the approval of the full codes.

WILLIAM F. SALMON,

THOMAS W. DAVIS,

Committee.

At the request of the Grand Master a committee was ordered to investigate certain matters of complaint made by W. Bro. Josiah C. Fuller, of Plymouth, in relation to the proposed trial of a sojourning Mason. R.W. Brothers Edward Avery, Sereno D. Nickerson, and Tracy P. Cheever were appointed the committee.

The Grand Master appointed as the COMMISSIONERS OF TRIALS, provided for in Part III., Article IV., of the Grand Constitutions as now adopted: —

R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER, of Chelsea.

R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON, of Boston.

R.W. BENJAMIN DEAN, of Boston.

R.W. EDWARD AVERY, of Braintree.

R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY, of Dedham.

The first named is the President of the Board.

The committees not prepared to report were granted further time.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, at ten minutes before five o'clock, P.M. Prayer was offered by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

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JUNE 14, 1876.

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Abstract of Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

JUNE 14, A. L. 5876.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST
WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COM-
MONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the
Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednes-
day, the fourteenth day of June, A. L. 5876, A. D.
1876.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN . . .	as Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS . . .	" " District No. 2.
R.W. SETH C. AMES . . .	" " District No. 3.
R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON . . .	" " District No. 4.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS . . .	" " District No. 7.
R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL . .	" " District No. 9.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES . . .	" " District No. 12.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART . . .	" " District No. 14.
R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD . . .	" " District No. 15.

R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 17.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN, } W. JACOB F. LOTTS, }	Grand Lecturers.
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS, } W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER, } W. HENRY STEPHENSON, }	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. BAALIS SANFORD, JR. . . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. FREDERICK D. ELY	Grand Pursuivant.
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW	Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE . . .	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN	Past Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	“ “ “
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON . .	“ “ “
R.W. ABRAHAM A. DAME	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. GEORGE W. WARREN . . .	“ “ “ “
R.W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY .	“ “ “ “
R.W. JOEL SPALDING	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON	“ “ “
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER	“ “ “
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE . .	“ “ “
R.W. CHARLES KIMBALL	“ “ “
R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN	“ “ “
R.W. ISAAC H. WRIGHT	“ “ “
R.W. BENJAMIN DEAN	“ “ “
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL . . .	“ “ “
R.W. IVORY H. POPE	“ “ “
R.W. JOSEPH K. BAKER	“ “ “
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	“ “ “
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL	“ “ “

BRETHREN ON STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

R.W. EDWARD AVERY.	W. HENRY J. PARKER.
R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH.	W. JOSEPH B. MASON.
R.W. ANDREW G. SMITH.	W. SAMUEL WELLS.
W. JOSEPH WINSOR.	BRO. FRANK E. JONES.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, P. M., with prayer by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus, and singing.

The Record of the Quarterly Communication of March 8, 1876, was approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The Grand Master announced that a vacancy had occurred in the office of Grand Standard-Bearer, and that he had appointed R.W. Brother Edward Avery to that office. At the request of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Charles A. Welch, installed Brother Avery into the office to which he had been appointed.

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

ELIOT LODGE, Jamaica Plain, full code.
NORFOLK UNION LODGE, Randolph, amendments.
MOUNT ZION LODGE, Barre, amendments.
SAGGAHEW LODGE, Haverhill, amendments.
ADELPHI LODGE, South Boston, amendments.
MOAIC LODGE, Danvers, amendments.
JOHN WARREN LODGE, Hopkinton, amendment.
WASHINGTON LODGE, Boston Highlands, full code.
ORIENT LODGE, Norwood, amendments.
HUNTINGTON LODGE, Huntington, amendments.
STAR LODGE, Athol, amendment.
JERUSALEM LODGE, Northampton, amendments.
FELLOWSHIP LODGE, Bridgewater, amendment.
TUSCAN LODGE, Lawrence, amendments.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE LODGE, Uxbridge, amendment.

Proxies were presented from

CHARLES C. DAME LODGE, Georgetown, in favor of BRO. SAMUEL MALBON.

MAY FLOWER LODGE, Middleborough, in favor of BRO. BENJAMIN F. TRIPP.

CHARLES A. WELCH LODGE, Maynard, in favor of BRO. JOHN P. FOSTER.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

The Brethren of Satuit Lodge, Scituate, having worked during the past year under Dispensation, presented the following petition for a Charter, which was referred, with the accompanying documents, to the Committee on Charters: —

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR SATUIT LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: —

We, the undersigned, Master Masons, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation bearing date May 11, 1875, empowering us to form and open a Lodge, now returning our Dispensation with a record of all our proceedings and a copy of our By-Laws, respectfully pray, if these be approved, for a Charter of constitution empowering us, with those who may hereafter join us, under the name of SATUIT LODGE, of Scituate, in the County of Plymouth, to perform all the ceremonies, and discharge all the duties at said Scituate, appertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

JAMES L. PROUTY.

JOSEPH O. COLE.

JOHN J. FORD.

AUGUSTUS COLE.

CALEB L. DAMON.

HENRY L. ELLMS.

THOMAS C. BROWN.

ELIJAH LITCHFIELD.

CHARLES A. COLE.	MOSES B. COLMAN.
GEORGE H. CURTIS.	WILLIAM BATES.
EDWIN A. TURNER.	GEORGE W. MERRITT.
THOMAS O. COLE.	HENRY O. TORREY.
CHARLES T. CHUBUCK.	GEORGE O. TORREY.
WALTER L. DAMON.	GEORGE H. EWELL.
HENRY T. JENKINS.	THATCHER EWELL.
SAMUEL H. TURNER.	

SCITUATE June 10, 1876.

The petition of Nicholas Reed, 2d, of Springfield, for formal healing, was received, and referred to the Committee on Healing.

A communication from a committee of Orient Lodge, Norwood, relating to the location of the Lodge by the Charter, and asking for a change in the wording of the same, was received, and referred to R.W. Bros. Sereno D. Nickerson, Edward Avery and Charles A. Welch.

The Grand Master read the following letter from the Master of Winslow Lewis Lodge, and called attention to the excellent portrait, therein referred to, now added to the many others upon the walls of the Grand Lodge hall:—

WINSLOW LEWIS LODGE, BOSTON, June 14, 1876.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master*:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In accordance with the vote of Winslow Lewis Lodge it gives me great pleasure to present through you to the Grand Lodge a portrait of R.W. Brother

Sereno D. Nickerson, Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

L. CUSHING KIMBALL,

Master of Winslow Lewis Lodge.

On motion of R.W. Charles H. Titus, it was unanimously voted to accept this valuable addition to the portraits of our Past Grand Masters, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be returned to Winslow Lewis Lodge for the same, and that the Grand Master be requested to suitably acknowledge our reception and appreciation of the likeness of one who has so greatly contributed to the welfare of this Grand Lodge.

In accordance with the foregoing vote, the following communication has been forwarded to the Master of Winslow Lewis Lodge:—

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, MASONIC TEMPLE,

BOSTON, June 15, 1876.

L. C. KIMBALL, Esq., *Master of Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston*:—

DEAR SIR AND WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—In compliance with a vote passed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication held on the 14th inst., I have the pleasure to convey to you the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the most acceptable present of a finely executed portrait of our distinguished Past Grand Master Sereno Dwight Nickerson.

I have caused it to be hung upon our walls in a conspicuous place, that the Brethren may always have before them the

likeness of one who has for so long a period served the Order in this State with marked ability and self-sacrificing devotion. The dignity, strength and energy which characterized his administration have shed lustre upon our venerable Grand Lodge.

I am, yours truly and fraternally,

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,

Grand Master.

On motion of R.W. John McClellan, it was voted to appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500) for charitable purposes, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity.

The Committee on Charters submitted the following report on the petition of Satuit Lodge:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, June 14, 1876.

The Committee on Charters respectfully report that they have carefully examined the By-Laws, Records, and accompanying documents presented by Satuit Lodge, of Scituate, now working under Dispensation. With some slight amendments made in the By-Laws, they find them to be in accordance with the Grand Constitutions and Masonic usage.

All dues having been paid to the Grand Treasurer, your committee would recommend that a Charter be issued to Satuit Lodge as prayed for.

IVORY H. POPE,

JOSEPH B. MASON,

Committee.

The roll of the Lodges was called, and the following were found to be represented: —

ABERDOUR.	HAYDEN.	ORPHAN'S HOPE.
ADELPHI.	HYDE PARK.	PALESTINE.
ALFRED BAYLIES.	JOHN ABBOT.	PENTUCKET.
ANCIENT YORK.	JOHN CUTLER.	PHŒNICIAN.
ARTISAN.	JOHN HANCOCK.	PILGRIM.
ATHELSTAN.	JOHN T. HEARD.	PIONEER.
ATHOL.	JORDAN.	PLYMOUTH.
AURORA.	JOSEPH WARREN.	RABBONI.
BAALBEC.	LAFAYETTE	REVERE.
BELMONT.	(Boston Highlands).	ROBERT LASH.
BRISTOL.	LIBERTY.	ROSWELL LEE.
CALEB BUTLER.	MASSACHUSETTS.	SAINT JOHN'S
CHARLES A. WELCH.	MAY FLOWER.	(Boston).
CHARLES C. DAME.	MERIDIAN.	SAINT MARK'S.
CHARLES H. TITUS.	MERRIMACK.	SAINT MARTIN'S.
CONSTELLATION.	MONITOR.	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).
CORINTHIAN.	MORNING STAR.	SAINT PAUL'S
DORIC.	MONTACUTE.	(South Boston).
ELEUSIS.	MONTGOMERY.	SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.
ELIOT.	MOUNT CARMEL.	STAR.
ESSEX.	MOUNT HOPE.	STAR IN THE EAST.
EUREKA.	MOUNT HOREB	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.
EZEKIEL BATES.	(Woburn).	TUSCAN.
FAITH.	MOUNT LEBANON.	WASHINGTON.
FELLOWSHIP.	MOUNT OLIVET.	WILDER.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE.	NORFOLK.	WILLIAM PARKMAN.
GERMANIA.	NORTH STAR.	WILLIAM SUTTON.
GRECIAN.	OLD COLONY.	WINSLOW LEWIS.
HAMPDEN.	ORIENT.	

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of W. Bro. Josiah C. Fuller, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation adopted by a unanimous vote: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEAL OF W. BROTHER J.
C. FULLER.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, June 14, A.D. 1876.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of W. Brother Josiah C. Fuller from the action of Plymouth Lodge and its W.M., have attended to the duty assigned them and respectfully submit the following report : —

The subject-matter involved in the appeal in this case originated substantially as follows : —

At the May Communication of Plymouth Lodge a vote was passed “instructing” the W.M. to prefer charges of unmasonic conduct against one McRae, a person said to be a Mason made in Saint Mark’s Lodge, Baddeck, C. B., and sojourning in Plymouth. After the passing of this vote the appellant, during the ceremony of closing the Lodge, prepared certain charges, which he signed, and by special permission of the W.M., who suspended the closing ceremony for that purpose, read them in the Lodge. No further action was taken in regard to them.

At the June Communication the record of the May Communication was read, and no mention was made of the presenting of the charges by the appellant, who was present, and there being no errors observed or suggested the W.M. declared the record approved.

At this Communication the Lodge voted to reconsider the vote passed at the May Communication instructing the W.M. to prefer charges against McRae, and the W.M. then put the original question to the Lodge, viz., that the W.M. be instructed to prefer charges against McRae, and the motion was lost. The appellant was present when both these votes were passed and made no objection to the action of the Lodge or the W.M.

At the July Communication, after the record had been read and the usual inquiry made by the W.M., the appellant called the attention of the Lodge to the vote reconsidering the vote passed at the May Communication, and stated that it was illegal in that no notice of a motion to reconsider was given in May, as required by Section 20 of the Miscellaneous Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The W.M. overruled the objections, and ordered the record to stand. The appellant then, for the first time, objected to the omission from the record of the May Communication of the charges read by him in the Lodge. The W.M. stated that the omission was by his order. From this action of the W.M., and from the action of the Lodge in passing the vote to reconsider as well as from the decision of the W.M. not to act on any charges against McRae, an appeal was taken.

The specific grounds of appeal are stated by the appellant as follows:—

1st. From the decision of the W.M. “that he should not act on the charges.”

2d. From the order of the W.M. “that the Secretary should not record.”

3d. “That the motion to reconsider was in order.”

Your committee are of opinion that no one of the points raised by the appeal is of substance.

Taking up the points as stated in the appeal the first presented is that the W.M. declined to act on the charges. It is to be observed that McRae was said to be a Mason. He had not visited Plymouth Lodge, nor been recognized as a Mason by the W.M., and the preliminary question to be determined was as to the fact of his being a Mason.

Your committee are of opinion that when charges of unmasonic conduct are presented to the W.M. of a Lodge against

a person not known by him to be a Mason it becomes his duty to satisfy himself that the person so charged is a Mason ; if on all the facts submitted to him he entertained any doubt upon that subject he should decline to take jurisdiction, unless directed so to do by his Lodge. This was the conclusion reached by the W.M. of Plymouth Lodge after consultation with and under the advice of the M.W. Grand Master, and appears to your committee to be the true rule of conduct in such cases.

Not content with his own conclusions in the matter the W.M. of Plymouth Lodge submitted the matter to the judgment of the Lodge at the June Communication, and the Lodge refused to instruct or request the W.M. to prefer charges against McRae.

Your committee are satisfied that the decision of the W.M. was right, and that the appeal on the first point cannot be sustained.

As to the second ground of appeal, it appeared at the hearing that the charges prepared and signed by the appellant were prepared and presented after the Lodge had instructed the W.M. to prepare charges ; that they were not prepared by the appellant at the request of the W.M. ; and that they were never adopted by him, and were not presented in accordance with the vote of the Lodge.

It seems to your committee that after the Lodge had instructed the W.M. to prefer the charges, the whole matter was placed in his hands, and that it would be an act of presumption on the part of any member of the Lodge to act in the premises.

Your committee find that the charges presented by the appellant were not properly presented, and that the W.M. was fully justified in treating them as irregularly presented and not to be recorded or filed.

Your committee are of opinion that the second ground of

appeal cannot be sustained. The objection to the omission from the record of the charges referred to and all mention of their having been presented should have been made by the appellant when he heard the record of the May Communication read, and was asked if he discovered any error or omission. He then remained silent, and the record was properly and duly approved. Had he then objected, it appears to your committee, from the reasons given above, that the W.M. should not have allowed the charges to be recorded.

As to the third ground of appeal, it is undoubtedly true that a motion to *reconsider* the vote, passed at the May Communication, ought not to have been entertained if the notice required by Section 20 of the Miscellaneous Regulations of the Grand Lodge had not been given. The action of the Lodge was technically erroneous. It would have been competent for the Lodge to have voted to rescind the vote passed at the May Communication if no one would be prejudiced by such rescission, or to have voted that it was inexpedient to proceed further in the matter. The whole difficulty with the vote rests on the use of the word "reconsider."

The subsequent action of the Lodge in not voting to instruct or request the W.M. to prefer the charges had the same legal effect as a motion to rescind the vote passed at the May Communication, and must be taken as the ultimate will of the Lodge. From the vote on this question no appeal is taken, and it stands as a binding, effective expression of the wishes of the Lodge.

Your committee are pleased to learn that the questions raised by the appeal have become abstract propositions of Masonic law and practice, for no one, so far as they could ascertain, now desires to press any charges against McRae.

Your committee recommend that the appeal taken by W. Brother Fuller be dismissed.

EDWARD AVERY,
SERENO D. NICKERSON,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
Committee.

The Committee on Ritual presented their report on the new Trestle-Board, ordered by the Grand Lodge, and, on motion of R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, the report was accepted, and the Trestle-Board submitted by the committee was adopted by a unanimous vote, as the only authorized Trestle-Board for the use of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to superintend the publication and sale of the Grand Lodge Trestle-Board. The Grand Master appointed as such committee R.W. Brothers Sereno D. Nickerson, Tracy P. Cheever, and Charles H. Titus.

The Committee on By-Laws submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, June 14, 1876.

The Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that the full code submitted by WASHINGTON LODGE, Boston Highlands, and the amendments submitted by the following Lodges: —

FELLOWSHIP, Bridgewater,	STAR, Athol.
JOHN WARREN, Hopkinton,	MOSAIC, Danvers,
SAGGAHEW, Haverhill,	SOLOMON'S TEMPLE, Uxbridge.
ADELPHI, South Boston,	MOUNT ZION, Barre,
ORIENT, Norwood,	

have been examined, and their approval by the Grand Lodge is recommended.

Approval is also recommended of the amendments submitted by the following Lodges : —

HUNTINGTON, Huntington,	TUSCAN, Lawrence,
JERUSALEM, Northampton,	NORFOLK UNION, Randolph,

with slight alterations as made by the committee.

On the full code of By-Laws of ELIOT LODGE, Jamaica Plain, the committee ask further time.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. DAVIS,
For the Committee.

The Committee on Healing, to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Reed, 2d, of Springfield, submitted their report, which was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALING AND PETITION OF NICHOLAS REED, 2d.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, June 14, 1876.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Reed, 2d, of Springfield, to be formally healed, have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully submit the following report : —

It appears by the petition that the petitioner received the

degrees in Roswell Lee Lodge, of Springfield, under a vote of that Lodge passed July 18, 1875; that he stated in his application that he had never before applied for the degrees, when, in fact, he had before applied to Chicopee Lodge, and had been thrice rejected. He avers that in making his application to Roswell Lee Lodge, which was done hurriedly, he understood the statement to mean that he had never before applied to that Lodge for the degrees, and that a brother Mason, who was standing over him when he filled up the application, said, when he came to the statement relating to former applications, write "never," and he so wrote, believing it to be limited to the particular Lodge to which he was then applying.

The petition is accompanied by a copy of a vote unanimously passed by Roswell Lee Lodge, also by a copy of a vote passed by a large majority of Chicopee Lodge, recommending the granting of the prayer of the petition. There is also with the petition a paper signed by three prominent Brethren of Springfield, which states that the petitioner is "worthy of membership in our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity," and recommending "that said petition be granted."

It is very much to be regretted that greater care is not exercised by the Brethren who receive applications for the degrees. A little care and thought would save the mortification resulting from a subsequent discovery of seeming falsehood and deception. Your committee earnestly invite the attention of the members of the Grand Lodge to the frequent presentation of cases like the present, and beg leave to suggest the necessity of greater care on the part of members presenting applications, and of the committees intrusted with the preliminary inquiry into the character and fitness of candidates.

In the present case it seems that the petitioner is an honest and worthy man, intending no wrong, who would, had his

attention been properly called to the full meaning of the statements he was required to make, have told the truth; that his error resulted from misapprehending the full purport of the statement he made; and, in view of the action of the two Lodges above referred to, your committee feel constrained to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

EDWARD AVERY,

FREDERICK D. ELY,

SAMUEL WELLS,

Committee.

The committees that were not prepared to report were granted further time.

The Grand Master gave notice that a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge would be held in this place on Wednesday next, June 21, at two o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of constituting Satuit Lodge, and installing its officers.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, at ten minutes past four o'clock, P. M. Prayer was offered by R. W. Rev. Charles H. Titus.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

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SEPTEMBER 13, 1876.

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PERCIVAL L. EVERETT,
MASONIC TEMPLE,
BOSTON, MASS.

**CHARLES H. TITUS,
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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

SEPTEMBER 13, A. L. 5876.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of September, A. L. 5876, A. D. 1876.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. DANIEL UPTON	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN McCLELLAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS	" " District No. 2.
R.W. SETH C. AMES	" " District No. 3.
R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON	" " District No. 4.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER	" " District No. 6.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS	" " District No. 7.
R.W. JONAS K. PATCH	" " District No. 8.

R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 9.
R.W. JOHN E. SHIPMAN	“ “ District No. 10.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY	“ “ District No. 11.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES	“ “ District No. 12.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART	“ “ District No. 14.
R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD	“ “ District No. 15.
R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN	“ “ District No. 16.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE	“ “ District No. 17.
R.W. PLINY T. LITCHFIELD	“ “ District No. 18.
W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D.,	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Lecturer.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS,	} Junior Grand Stewards.
W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER,	
W. HENRY STEPHENSON,	
W. BAALIS SANFORD, JR. . . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. EDWARD AVERY	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON	Grand Pursuivant.
BRO. SOLON W. STEVENS	as Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	“ “ “
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN	“ “ “
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	“ “ “
R.W. 'SERENO D. NICKERSON	“ “ “
R.W. REV. E. M. P. WELLS	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. REV. LUCIUS R. PAIGE	“ “ “ “
R.W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY	“ “ “ “
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM W. BAKER	“ “ “
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON	“ “ “
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER	“ “ “
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON	“ “ “
R.W. CHARLES KIMBALL	“ “ “
R.W. WILLIAM T. GRAMMER	“ “ “
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL	“ “ “
R.W. IVORY H. POPE	“ “ “
R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR	“ “ “

BRETHREN ON STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH.	W. WILLIAM J. STEVENS.
R.W. ANDREW G. SMITH.	W. JOEL SEAVERN.
W. NATHANIEL GREENE.	BRO. FRANK E. JONES.
W. JAMES MILLS.	

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, P. M., with prayer by W. Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D. D., Grand Chaplain, and singing.

The Record of the Quarterly Communication of June 14, 1876, was approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The Record of the Special Communication of June 21, 1876, for the purpose of constituting Satuit Lodge, was read and approved.

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and were referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

PALESTINE LODGE, Everett, full code.
MERIDIAN LODGE, Natick, full code.
EXCELSIOR LODGE, Franklin, amendments.
PENTUCKET LODGE, Lowell, amendment.
MOUNT VERNON LODGE, Malden, amendment.
GREYLOCK LODGE, North Adams, amendment.

Proxies were presented from

PHENICIAN LODGE, Lawrence, in favor of W. BRO. JOHN HAIGH.

KING PHILIP LODGE, Fall River, in favor of BRO. J. L. BUFFINGTON.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

The Brethren of Alpha Lodge, South Framingham, and Fraternity Lodge, Newtonville, having worked during the past year under Dispensation, presented the following petitions for Charters, which were referred, with the accompanying documents, to the Committee on Charters: —

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR ALPHA LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: —

We, the undersigned, Master Masons, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation bearing date September 2, 1875, empowering us to form and open a Lodge, now returning our Dispensation with a record of all our proceedings and a copy of our By-Laws, respectfully pray, if these be approved, for a Charter of Constitution empowering us, with those who may hereafter join us, under the name of ALPHA LODGE, located in that part of the town of Framingham called South Framingham, in the County of Middlesex, to perform all the ceremonies, and discharge all the duties at said South Framingham, appertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

CHARLES P. KNOWLTON,
A. J. LEWIS,
CHAS. S. HUNT,

WM. H. BURKE,
E. L. WARREN,
G. P. METCALF,

CHAS. H. CLARK,
W. H. CHENERY,
W. D. S. COOLIDGE,
EDGAR PATTEE,
J. R. BURRIDGE,
L. M. BUTLER,
ASAPH STONE,
W. O. PACKARD,
H. L. SAWTELL,
E. M. BRIGHAM,
CHAS. F. CUTLER,
A. F. MILLER,
E. C. WHEELOCK,
H. L. SAWYER,
H. W. COTTON,

ORRIN PARSONS,
E. B. TWITCHELL,
FRANKLIN GAINES,
E. A. GLEASON,
ALEX. HOYT,
H. B. NEEDHAM,
T. M. ROBINSON,
L. B. GAINES,
A. RICHARDSON,
IRA L. DUNAVEN,
CHAS. M. VINCENT,
J. E. PARKER,
W. H. COBLEIGH.
WM. H. PHIPPS.

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, Sept. 11, 1876.

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR FRATERNITY LODGE.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:—*

We, the undersigned, Master Masons, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation, dated September 3, A.D. 1875, and other Master Masons, joined herein by the consent of your Most Worshipful Grand Master, now beg leave to return the same with a record of all our proceedings, and a copy of our By-Laws, and respectfully pray, if these be approved, that a Charter be granted, and that we, with such others as may hereafter join us, may be constituted into a regular chartered Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the name of FRATERNITY LODGE, located in that part of the city of Newton called Newtonville, in the

County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with full power to perform all the ceremonies, and discharge all the duties at said Newtonville, appertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

WILLIAM WARD KEITH,
JOHN SAMUEL HAYES,
EDWIN RUTHVEN FROST,
JAMES BURPEE PARKER,
HENRY FLEETWOOD,
CHAS. D. ELLIOTT,
EDWARD HENRY FENNESSY,
FRED. E. CROCKETT,
WM. H. STEWART,
E. EVERETT BURDON,
GEO. WESLEY MILLER,
JAMES WESLEY KIMBALL,
WILLIAM IRA GOODRICH,
HENRY JOEL PRESTON,
HENRY C. HAYDEN,
WILLIAM HENRY YOUNG,
JOHN BLISS,
HORATIO BALCH HACKETT, JR.,
CHARLES RIDGELY BROWN,
HENRY OAKES MARTIN,
WILLIAM BARTLETT SPEAR,
WILLIAM B. FOWLE,
FREDERICK CURTIS LYON,
ALLSTON WALDO WHITNEY,
CHARLES THOMAS PULSIFER,
EDWARD K. WILSON,

E. A. ELLIS,
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BROWN,
FRANCIS ELDER,
G. B. JONES,
FRANK I. MORRILL,
LYMAN P. GEROULD,
DAVID S. SIMPSON,
FREDERICK JOHNSON,
EDWIN BRADBURY HASKELL,
JOHN STETSON,
E. R. SECCOMB,
HENRY OTIS BILLINGS,
G. D. GILMAN,
REVILO LEONARD HINDS,
WM. JONES,
J. G. SALSURY,
SAMUEL FARQUHAR,
DAVID W. FARQUHAR,
THEODORE WOODMAN GORE,
JOSIAH BROWN CHASE,
O. B. TRUESDELL,
WALTER FRANKLIN EDMANDS,
GEO. W. MORSE,
JOHN G. BLAISDELL,
HENRY LYMAN BIXBY.

The Recording Grand Secretary presented certain papers relating to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, and they were referred to a committee consisting of R.W. Brothers Charles A. Welch, and Sereno D. Nickerson, and W. Bro. George E. McKay.

The petition of Seth Winslow, of Cambridge, for formal healing, was presented, and was referred to the Committee on Healing.

The roll of the Lodges was called, and the following were found to be represented: —

ADELPHI.	GATE OF THE TEMPLE.	MOUNT HOREB
AMICABLE.	GOOD SAMARITAN.	(Woburn).
ANCIENT LANDMARK.	GRECIAN.	MOUNT LEBANON.
ANCIENT YORK.	HAMMATT.	MOUNT TABOR.
BAALBEC.	HAMPDEN.	MOUNT VERNON.
BELMONT.	HENRY PRICE.	NORTH STAR.
BETHESDA	HYDE PARK.	OLD COLONY.
(Brighton).	JOHN ABBOT.	ORIENT.
BETH-HORON.	JOHN CUTLER.	ORPHAN'S HOPE.
BRISTOL.	JOHN T. HEARD.	PALESTINE.
CALEB BUTLER.	JOHN WARREN.	PAUL DEAN.
CHARITY.	JORDAN.	PAUL REVERE.
CHARLES A. WELCH.	JOSEPH WARREN.	PENTUCKET.
CHARLES C. DAME.	KILWINNING.	PEQUOSSETTE.
CHARLES H. TITUS.	KING PHILIP.	PHOENICIAN.
CHARLES W. MOORE.	KONOHASSETT.	PIONEER.
COLUMBIAN.	LAFAYETTE	PLYMOUTH.
CONSTELLATION.	(Boston Highlands).	QUABOAG.
CORINTHIAN.	MERRIMACK.	RABBONI.
CORNER STONE.	MIZPAH.	ROBERT LASH.
CRESCENT.	MONITOR.	SAINT JOHN'S
DORIC.	MORNING STAR.	(Boston).
ELIOT.	MONTGOMERY.	SAINT MARTIN'S.
EUREKA.	MOUNT HERMON.	SAINT MATTHEW'S.
FELLOWSHIP.	MOUNT HOPE.	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).

SAINT PAUL'S (South Boston.)	STAR IN THE EAST.	UNION (Dorchester).
SATUIT.	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.	WARREN.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.	STARR KING.	WILDER.
STAR.	TEMPLE.	WILLIAM SUTTON.
	UNION (Nantucket).	ZETLAND.

R.W. Past Grand Master John T. Heard submitted the following remarks and resolution relating to the fiftieth anniversary of the election of R.W. Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D. D., as Master of Mount Zion Lodge, Barre:—

REMARKS OF J. T. HEARD ON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF L. R. PAIGE'S ELECTION AS MASTER OF A LODGE.

Most Worshipful:—

I desire to bring to your notice and that of the Grand Lodge an interesting fact. One of our oldest and most esteemed permanent members celebrates to-day the semi-centennial anniversary of his first installation as Master of a Lodge. During more than a quarter of a century he has been associated with this Body, and throughout that period has been constant in his attendance on our Communications, and always manifested a deep and lively interest in our transactions. He was Grand Steward in 1849 and 1850; Grand Deacon in 1851; a member of the Committee on the Library in 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853 and 1854; and Deputy Grand Master in 1852, 1853 and 1854—the years in which the late Bishop Randall was Grand Master.

He has, besides, held positions in Grand Lodge on important committees, and was a Trustee of the Masonic Temple. I allude to our R.W. Brother the Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D. D.

In view of what I have related, I offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge congratulates our R.W. Brother, the Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D. D., that his life has been spared beyond the term of threescore years and ten; and, more especially, that it has been distinguished by a conscientious discharge of the duties belonging to the religious teacher, the upright citizen, and faithful Mason.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Brother Paige made the following response:—

REMARKS OF REV. L. R. PAIGE.

M. W. Grand Master :—

I do not intend to inflict a speech upon the Grand Lodge, but I cannot refrain from thanking my Brethren for this expression of kindness. I can scarcely realize the fact that fifty years are this day completed since I became entitled to membership in this Grand Body by virtue of my election as Master of Mount Zion Lodge. That Lodge was chartered in March, 1800—two years before I was born—and was composed of members residing in Hardwick and the adjoining towns of West Brookfield, New Braintree, Barre, Dana, and Greenwich. Its meetings were held at Hardwick until March, 1855, when it was permitted to remove to Barre. From the beginning it embraced a fair proportion of the most respectable citizens of those towns. Among its early Masters were Col. Samuel Mixer, of New Braintree, 1815, 16, a member of the Senate of Massachusetts; Gen. John Warren, of Greenwich, 1821, 2, also a member of the Senate and of the Governor's Council; Major Gardner Ruggles, of Barre and Hardwick, 1823, 4, and often afterwards until 1849—nine years in all—who was D.D.G.M. of the Worcester District during the anti-Masonic

storm, from 1833 to 1842, and "Special Deputy," 1836-1842, for District No. 9, which I think embraced all that part of the Commonwealth which is west of Worcester County; and Gen. Samuel Lee, of Barre, 1825, also a member of the Senate. All these have rested from their labors, and for more than seven years I have been the Senior Past Master of Mount Zion Lodge. I should add one more name of a Worthy Master, long ago deceased, the Rev. James Thompson, D. D., of Barre, 1828, who had previously been D.D.G.M. of his District, and Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge. Masonically, Mount Zion was my first love, and its name is still dear to me. I regret that it is so seldom represented in Grand Lodge; but I rejoice to know that it is neither dead nor sleeping, as I see frequent advertisements of its meetings for work, both regular and special.

Soon after my election as Master, I removed to Springfield, thirty miles distant from the Lodge, and could only imperfectly perform my official duties. I attended most of the meetings, but, of course, declined a re-election. While I remained in Springfield I constantly attended the various Masonic meetings, but after my removal from that pleasant place I resided for several years at a very inconvenient distance from my Lodge, and was deprived of what I had long regarded as one of my choicest privileges. But in 1845, partly, I may be pardoned for saying, through my exertions, Amicable Lodge was revived, and its Charter was restored in December of that year. Its growth was very slow at first, but after a few years it prospered abundantly. Besides its contribution of members in the formation of Germania, Putnam, Mount Olivet, Charity, and Mizpah Lodges, it has now a membership numbering more than two hundred. At its organization, immediately after its Charter was restored, I was persuaded to reassume the duties of the

Chair, to which I had long been unaccustomed, and I thus again became a member of the Grand Lodge. Since that time my membership has not been interrupted, inasmuch as I was a Presiding Master three years, then Junior Grand Steward two years, and Junior Grand Deacon one year, then Deputy Grand Master three years, under the brilliant and energetic Grand Mastership of Bishop Randall, which entitled me to permanent membership. During these last thirty years, so highly have I enjoyed the society of my Brethren that I have seldom been absent from our Regular Communications when I had sufficient health and strength to attend. But I am admonished that I am now neither young nor vigorous. In looking around me, I see no person, except my R.W. Brother the Rev. Dr. Wells, who was a permanent member of the Grand Lodge before me; indeed, only two others survive, — R.W. Abraham A. Dame and R.W. George G. Smith. One by one those whom I loved and venerated thirty years ago, and those other dear friends with whom I stood shoulder to shoulder fifty years ago, have departed, and the time of my own departure cannot be far distant. But while I remain, I hope to meet my Brethren frequently, and to retain their friendship, which I trust I have never lost. Once more I thank them with all my heart for their present expression of good-will, and especially my R.W. Brother the Senior Past Grand Master, for the kind manner in which he was pleased to speak of me.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from a committee of Orient Lodge, relating to the Charter of that Lodge, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution appended was adopted: —

IN GRAND LODGE, Sept. 18, 1876.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of a committee of Orient Lodge, praying that the Charter of said Lodge may be amended, respectfully report: —

That by its Charter, granted at the March Communication in 1862, Orient Lodge was located “in the Town of South Dedham.” Whenever alluded to in the records of the Grand Lodge of that period, or in the Masonic periodicals of the day, it is always described as “Orient Lodge of South Dedham.” It now appears that there is no such town, and never was; but that South Dedham was in 1862 a flourishing village in the town of Dedham, and so continued until February, 1872, when it, with other territory adjoining, was incorporated, by the Legislature of the Commonwealth, under the name of Norwood. Why the Lodge was located in a particular village, there being no Lodge in any other part of the town, your committee have not been able to ascertain, but they presume that it was the intention of the founders of the Lodge to establish their Lodge-room in that part of Dedham called South Dedham, and so described the desired location in their petition for a Dispensation. The petition being granted, the error was doubtless transferred to the Dispensation, and from that to the Charter. So long as no other Lodge existed in the town of Dedham, the jurisdiction of Orient Lodge over the whole of that town was undisputed and unaffected by the erroneous description of its location. In March, 1871, a petition for a Dispensation for a new Lodge, to be located in Dedham, and called Constellation Lodge, was presented to Grand Master Gardner, and granted. Many of the signers of this petition were members of Orient Lodge, and it was recommended by that Lodge. It was undoubtedly the opinion of all parties that the effect of the granting of a

Dispensation to Constellation Lodge would be to give the two Lodges concurrent jurisdiction over the town of Dedham. The Dispensation was made returnable at the March Communication, 1872. In the month of February, 1872, the Legislature incorporated the town of Norwood, including within its limits the village of South Dedham. It is not necessary for us to inquire what effect, if any, this action of the Legislature had upon the jurisdiction shared by the two Lodges, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge itself divided the territory in the following month. At the March Communication, 1872, a Charter was granted to Constellation Lodge, locating it in the town of Dedham. There would seem to be no room for doubt that this action of the Grand Lodge vested in Orient Lodge exclusive jurisdiction over all of the old town of Dedham included within the limits of the new town of Norwood, and gave to Constellation Lodge exclusive jurisdiction over all the rest of the old town. No objection was raised to the granting of the new Charter, and the most cordial and fraternal relations have subsisted between the two Lodges up to the present time.

Within a few months, however, a case has arisen involving a question of jurisdiction between the two Lodges. Happily, the case itself has been amicably adjusted by the Lodges themselves; but the question of jurisdiction is still discussed between them, and they therefore desire a decision from the Grand Lodge. Your committee are clearly of the opinion that the petition of Orient Lodge cannot be granted. To strike out the word "South" in its Charter would be to remove it to the town of Dedham; but the approbation of Constellation Lodge has not been obtained, — an indispensable pre-requisite under our Constitutions. Furthermore, the proposed amendment would necessitate the holding of the meetings of Orient Lodge in the town of Dedham, instead of in the town of

Norwood; such a change the Brethren of that Lodge do not desire. The result would probably be very unsatisfactory to every member of both Lodges. The proper and only remedy seems to be to make the Charter agree with the existing town lines, and the actual location of the Lodge.

In the communication addressed to the Grand Lodge, the committee of Orient Lodge express a fear that, on account of the slight error in their Charter, there may be doubts as to the legality of its existence, and the character of its work. They say "If Orient Lodge was not in Dedham, it had no jurisdiction from the Grand Lodge; and if so, we do not understand why the Charter was not void, and our work spurious Masonry." Your committee entertain no such doubts. We are of opinion that the location of the Lodge was sufficiently described, although the words "town of" were used instead of village of, the name of the county being given, and there actually being such a village as South Dedham in it. The action of the Legislature could not render the Charter void, or change the jurisdiction; that could only be done by the Grand Lodge. In the only case of doubt as to jurisdiction which has arisen, the officers and members of Orient Lodge acted in perfect good faith. The question raised was a very nice one, and there was much to be said on both sides. The only party to object under any circumstances was Constellation Lodge, and that body had unanimously waived its real or supposed rights; consequently, there can be no question as to the legality of the action of Orient Lodge in that case. Your committee have been led by their investigation of this matter to form a high opinion of the Masonic zeal and efficiency of the officers of Orient Lodge, and cannot too highly commend the truly Masonic spirit which has characterized the discussion on both sides of this question of jurisdiction, so often productive of great vexation and irritation.

To guard against such dangers in the future, your committee recommend the passage of the following order : —

Whereas, That part of the town of Dedham, in which Orient Lodge is located by its Charter, has been incorporated by Act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth into the town of Norwood ; therefore,

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of Orient Lodge shall embrace the territorial limits of the newly incorporated town of Norwood. And the Recording Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to cause this action of the Grand Lodge to be endorsed upon the Charter of Orient Lodge.

SERENO D. NICKERSON,
EDWARD AVERY,
CHARLES A. WELCH,
Committee.

The Committee on Trials and Healing, to whom had been referred certain complaints of the irregular manner in which Thomas H. Johnson, of Salem, had received the degrees in Freemasonry, submitted their report, which was accepted, and the recommendation adopted; thus declaring Thomas H. Johnson to be a clandestine Mason, but voting that he be formally healed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE IN CASE OF THOMAS H. JOHNSON,
OF SALEM.

IN GRAND LODGE, September 18, A. D. 1876.

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of R.W. Bro. William Sutton against Bro. Thomas H. Johnson, submit the following report : —

The real ground of complaint is that Bro. Thomas H. Johnson is a clandestine Mason.

From the statement of Bro. Johnson and the papers submitted to the committee, it appears that Thomas H. Johnson applied for the degrees to Starr King Lodge, Salem, April 25, 1866, and was rejected.

That, September 6, 1869, he applied to Jordan Lodge, Peabody, for the degrees, being recommended by R.W. Bro. William Sutton, the first three officers of Essex Lodge, Salem, and of Starr King Lodge, and was rejected.

That he afterwards applied to Robert Lash Lodge, Chelsea, which application was withdrawn.

In December, 1871, he applied to Mount Carmel Lodge, Lynn, and was accepted; but, it appearing that his residence was given as Peabody instead of Salem, and Essex Lodge, of Salem, objecting, the degrees were not conferred, and a new petition was filed in Mount Carmel Lodge, November 11, 1872, which was rejected.

In December, 1872, he again applied to Jordan Lodge, Peabody, having no recommendation, as required by the Grand Constitutions from the officers and members of Mount Carmel Lodge, was accepted, and received the degrees.

He was afterwards appointed Senior Deacon of the Lodge, then elected Senior Warden, served one year, was re-elected, and has served a portion of his second year in that office, and has received the Chapter, Encampment, and Consistory Degrees.

In his statement Bro. Johnson says that he was not aware that he had been guilty of any violation of Masonic law, usage, or custom in ultimately obtaining the degrees in Jordan Lodge; that all his applications for the higher degrees were signed by R.W. Bro. Sutton, and that the fault, if any there is, rests on those who recommended him, and who should have known what was proper and right for him to do.

It is evident, from this statement of facts, that Johnson did not regularly receive his degrees in Masonry.

It is hardly to be expected that any applicant for the degrees should be familiar with the Grand Constitutions, or with Masonic law and usage. He must usually rely on some Brother for information, and be guided in his conduct by that information. Johnson says that he did not know, and was not informed, that any permission or recommendation from Mount Carmel Lodge was necessary to enable him to receive the degrees in Jordan Lodge, and there is nothing to control this declaration. His advancement to the position of Senior Warden, and his re-election to that office in the Lodge, would seem to be evidence of the esteem of his Brethren in the Lodge, and his election for the higher degrees sufficient evidence of his good character.

After a careful examination of all the evidence before your committee, they respectfully recommend that Thomas H. Johnson be formally healed.

EDW. AVERY,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
SAMUEL WELLS,
Committee.

R.W. John McClellan moved that five hundred dollars be appropriated for charitable purposes, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity; and the motion prevailed.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was accepted and the recommendations were adopted: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, September 13, 1876.

The Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that a full code of By-Laws has been referred to them by

PALESTINE LODGE, of Everett,

MERIDIAN Lodge, of Natick,

ELIOT LODGE, of Jamaica Plain,

which they recommend for approval, with such alterations as have been made by the committee.

Amendments to the By-Laws have been presented by

EXCELSIOR LODGE, of Franklin,

PENTUCKET LODGE, of Lowell,

MOUNT VERNON LODGE, of Malden,

GREYLOCK LODGE, of North Adams,

which are recommended for approval, with an amendment in case of Excelsior and Greylock Lodges, made by the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM F. SALMON,

THOMAS W. DAVIS,

JOEL SEAVERNS,

Committee.

At twenty minutes past three o'clock, P.M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

At forty minutes past three o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor again.

The Committee on Charters presented the following report, which was accepted, and Charters were

granted to Alpha Lodge, South Framingham, and to Fraternity Lodge, Newtonville.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

IN GRAND LODGE, QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

September 13, 1876.

The Committee on Charters, to whom were referred the petitions of Alpha Lodge, of South Framingham, and Fraternity Lodge, of Newtonville, for Charters, have carefully examined the proceedings of said Lodges, while working under Dispensation, and find them to be in accordance with the Grand Constitutions, and Masonic usage.

All dues having been paid to the Grand Treasurer, your committee would recommend that Charters be issued to Alpha and Fraternity Lodges, as prayed for.

Respectfully submitted,

IVORY H. POPE,

WM. R. WILSON,

Committee.

R.W. Charles Levi Woodbury, in behalf of the committee appointed to consider the application of a Lodge in Italy, to become subordinate to our Grand Lodge, and the general question of Grand Lodge jurisdiction, submitted the following report which was accepted, and the recommendation regarding the Lodge at Palermo was adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE JURISDICTION.

IN GRAND LODGE, Sept. 13, 1876.

The committee appointed to consider the application of the Lodge at Palermo, Italy, to become subordinate to our Grand

Lodge, and also to consider the general question of Grand Lodge jurisdiction, beg leave to report.

In Masonry the right of independence of the Masons of each political country has always been admitted. Their national organizations rest on the same footing and are governed by the like principles of international law with those existing among separate nations. When the organization of the Freemasons of a country has been once recognized by other Grand Lodges, the sovereignty and exclusive jurisdiction of that Body in that territory are recognized and admitted; and it would be a breach of comity to hold intercourse with, and a breach of faith to recognize, any rebellious or rival authority within the bounds, while the political organization of the country remains unchanged. This has been the rule with our State Grand Lodges and has been the foundation principle governing the action of the Masonic Bodies in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, the two Canadas, and the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, in relation thereto. Also it has been the rule of conduct among the Craft in the various nations of Europe. It is too well settled to be doubted.

The amity and friendship among the various Grand Lodges who have thus recognized each other as Sovereign Bodies within their respective territorial jurisdiction, constitute one of the firmest bonds that bind Masonry of all nations into one friendly union without any sacrifice of local liberty and independence, and they are supported by the scrupulous rule of not interfering in the internal affairs of each other. This Masonic comity, like comity of nations, is the rule of peace.

We may grant that in the exercise of its independence a Grand Lodge could so far depart from the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry as to cease to be a Masonic Body, but such a case would ensure an appropriate remedy.

This Grand Lodge has on many occasions avowed and acted on these principles.

The petition of the Lodge at Palermo, addressed to this Grand Lodge, avows that it has seceded from the Grand Lodge of Italy, and desires to be recognized by, and taken under the protection of, this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has no disposition to interfere in the internal affairs of the Grand Lodge of Italy. It has no knowledge of the merits of the dispute. It has not been requested to act as referee by the parties to the dispute, and it has no jurisdiction of its own to establish Bodies in a country Masonically organized with a Grand Lodge.

The relation of amity and friendship existing between the Masonic Fraternity of Italy and of Massachusetts ought to remain unimpaired by any officious intermeddling on our part.

We have, by recognition, admitted that the Italian Masons are capable of and entitled to possess self-government; we claim no more for ourselves.

This petition should be dismissed.

From various official documents it appears that the Grand Lodge of Ohio have before them the proposition to recognize within the limits of that State another Body, under the style of the "African Grand Lodge of Ohio."

This Grand Lodge has recognized for more than half a century the Grand Lodge of Ohio as the Sovereign Masonic Body of that State, and has been pleased to observe that the Masons of Ohio have carried on the institutions of Masonry with due observance of the ancient landmarks, and greatly to the moral progress of that State.

Their constitution is reasonable. They can make subordinate Lodges on Masonic grounds, who can admit good men of requisite qualification to the privileges of Masonry so far as they are entrusted to the Grand Lodge of that State.

But all this Masonry in Ohio is subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the only Masonic Body we have recognized in that State as having power to make or govern Masons. When we recognized the Grand Lodge of Ohio, it had no color test for Masonry in its Constitution ; we assume it has none now.

Masonry, as we understand it, may lawfully be conferred on the good men and true, free-born, of any race, language, nation, or religion. It is universal.

Grand Lodges, and the Masonic law concerning the character and qualities of Grand Lodges, have come into recognition and use since the beginning of the eighteenth century. Through their means Masonry has been raised to a very high standard. Frauds and impostures have been suppressed, and the means of universal recognition in Masonic countries established on a safe foundation.

The unity of the Brethren in a State under one Grand Lodge has always been held desirable ; a division into two or more has been considered deplorable. The American Masons have been trained to principles of self-government and unity, and, we think, hold that the Brethren in a State are not truly Brethren unless united under one Grand Lodge. Thus only do we dwell in unity together.

The proposition before the Grand Lodge of Ohio is that they shall break the unity of Ohio, and cede a part of their jurisdiction to the "African Lodge."

While making citizens of African descent Freemasons on lawful grounds is a right of the Ohio Masons, yet we may without offence inquire whether any Grand Lodge has the right to make two Grand Lodges in a State, and thus break the unity of the Brethren there, which should exist irrespective of creed, race, national birth, or color? whether, if one creates by its vote the African Grand Lodge, it can Masonically make a

color test, and exclude whites from the African Grand Lodge, or, *vice versa*, exclude those of African descent from the present Grand Lodge, which thereafter would be only half Grand.

Our opinion is that a distinction founded on color as "black," or race as "African," is in contravention of the Ancient Landmarks, is not Masonic, and would be void.

If we are right in this view, then the evil of making two Grand Lodges of equal and co-ordinate powers in one State has no relief, because one may lawfully compete with the other — recognize him whom the other suspends, charter where the other refuses, make where the other rejects, and thus precipitate Masonry into the horrors of a divided and ineffective jurisdiction over its own Lodges and members and a competitive struggle for candidates. Wherever competing Grand Lodges have existed in a community, the standard of Masonry has been lowered as a consequence of rivalry, and Masonic subordination been sadly demoralized.

Masonic experience has settled that the only safe and prudent line of division for jurisdiction is territorial; in accordance with this Masonry is organized. A personal test, to divide jurisdictions, is exactly against the equality of Freemasonry. A Lodge, indeed, may be authorized to work in a foreign language because its members do not speak English, but the work must be the standard of the Grand Lodge, and any Mason can qualify himself for participation by acquiring the tongue the work is performed in.

Two Grand Lodges in one State are an anomaly, which it would be hard to justify on any Masonic grounds. In their interior relations, where existing by a common consent, other States might have nothing to say; but in their exterior relations to other Masonic jurisdictions grave questions would arise. Might it not justly be said that the previously recognized

Grand Lodge had abandoned its character and pretension as *the* Grand Lodge of the State, and thus voluntarily had abdicated its claim to be recognized thereafter as the equal of the Grand Lodges of other States? Is there not a reasonable doubt whether such a voluntary step would not be a dissolution of the Grand Lodge, considered as the representative Body of all the Masons of the State?

When a rival Grand Lodge springs up by usurpation in a territory, every other Grand Lodge sustains the elder, by refusing recognition to the rival, and by treating its followers as clandestine, and not entitled to Masonic privileges.

There is much gravity in these questions, and your committee prefer to suggest them for consideration without concluding as to their exact weight.

AFRICAN LODGE.

Your committee are not unmindful of the existence of clandestine Bodies professing to have the privileges of Masonry in various parts of the United States, composed mainly or exclusively of men of African descent. The origin of these Bodies was in this jurisdiction, where their claims to possess regular or genuine Masonry, frequently presented to this Grand Lodge and carefully examined, have never been found consistent with Masonic law.

There is no distinction in this Grand Lodge grounded upon color. Masonry is a social institution, and the Lodges regulate the admissions they severally make. We know of a good many men of African descent who have received regular Masonic degrees in Lodges under this jurisdiction, and who do obtain thereby all the benefits thereof. At this time, in this Grand Lodge, there sits a Brother of this descent, who has been a

respected member for several years in virtue of his rank as Warden of one of our most respectable subordinate Lodges.

We have had and received in our subordinate Lodges visiting Masons of regular standing in their own jurisdictions who were of African descent.

We state these things merely that our position may not be misconceived, and our objections to Masonic irregularities be scoffed down on the pretence that we are opposing a class on account of their color.

True it is that in 1787 three colored men of Boston received from England a Charter for a subordinate Lodge, at Boston, to be called African Lodge, which had been granted in 1784, but not forwarded to them until three years afterwards. The chief of them, Prince Hall, died December 2, 1807.

The date of this Charter was after the treaty of peace with England in 1783, by which the independence and sovereignty of these States were recognized. It was also eight years after the Massachusetts Grand Lodge was formed (March 8th, 1777), and had declared the Masonic independence of the Masons of this Commonwealth, whereby the duties of self-government were assumed by the Masons of this Commonwealth, which they have continued to exercise to the present time. Thus this Charter proceeded from a foreign source, which had no political authority in the country, where alone it was directed to be used, and which had no Masonic right there; for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had been for years in the possession of the Masons of the Commonwealth. It is admitted that this Charter was never recognized by any Lodge in Massachusetts. Certainly, after the evacuation of Boston, March 17th, 1776, there is no pretence that England had any control in Massachusetts.

It is probable that some persons may have worked as clandestine Masons under this Charter for some years after its arrival,

but in 1813 it was struck from the rolls of the Grand Lodge of England, and no returns to England had been made under it for many years previously to this action. Thus ended the Charter of African Lodge and its history. In 1808, an organization called the Prince Hall Grand Lodge was started in Boston, but by whom is not known. It professed to grant Charters, and did make some clandestine Bodies in other places. No Masonic power, domestic or foreign, stood its sponsor, and no known Mason belonged to it against whom the penalty of expulsion could be hurled by the Grand Lodge of this State. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts never authorized any Lodge or recognized any person claiming Masonic rights from this source.

The next in order of succession we have heard of was the National Grand Lodge, professing to have been established by these counterfeits about the year 1847. It is understood that this Body claims jurisdiction in and over Masonry in all the States of this Union, but no official intercourse has ever been sought by that Body with this Grand Lodge, or those who pertain to it, and we are ignorant of all that concerns it. No Mason is known to have belonged to it.

Your committee find it difficult to trace these organizations further. Existing without Masonic authority, anarchy seems crowned supreme among rival Bodies of mushroom growth, fully conscious of each other's illegitimate aspirations.

The existing Prince Hall Grand Lodge organization is supposed to draw its powers from this National Grand Lodge.

In 1827 some persons calling themselves African Lodge No. 459 repudiated the Grand Lodge of England. The petitions of these pretended Masons have been considered by the New York Grand Lodge in 1846, and by this Grand Lodge in 1869. Your committee deem it best to append as part of this report that of Bro. Herring, of New York, made in 1846; the petition of

Lewis Hayden and others, and the report thereon to this Grand Lodge, 1869, and Grand Master Gardner's address, 1870, for a fuller statement of the history of the organizations of these bogus Masons of the National Grand Lodge, so called.

It will be noticed that the petition of 1869 pretends that in 1775 Prince Hall and others were made Masons in an army travelling Lodge at Boston. It is somewhat singular that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, October 1, 1773, passed a vote that "no travelling Lodge had the right in this jurisdiction to make Masons of any citizens," and that Gen. Joseph Warren was the Provincial Grand Master at the time of this vote. The name of the Army Lodge is not given where Prince Hall got his Masonry. Why Hall should apply to Gen. Warren prior to his death, June 17, 1775, for recognition, is hard to perceive. The sharp social division between the patriots who constituted the members of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge and the Army Lodges of the English invaders, from the attack on Fort William and Mary, at Portsmouth, in December, 1774, to Lexington in the following April, and Bunker Hill in June, does not favor the idea suggested by the petitioners that he did so. Hall himself, in a letter dated March 1, 1784, says they had been working as a Lodge almost eight years. The evacuation of Boston, March 17, 1776, was almost eight years previous to the date of his letter. Probably, before the evacuation, he and his associates sat in the Army Lodge that made them, if there was any such. No pretence is made that any of them ever sat in a local Lodge, and were they citizens of Massachusetts, as the petition would infer, no British Army Lodge had the right to make them. Consequently, if made at all, as individuals they were irregular and clandestine under the Provincial Grand Lodge rule, and remained so when this Grand Lodge had declared its independence from British Masonic rule.

Prince Hall's letter of 1784 admits there was neither British nor American authority for the Lodge he professes to have held from the date of the evacuation. True it is, the petition to this Grand Lodge states they had a Dispensation, but does not say from whom. In a publication of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of 1865 a citation occurs from the address of J. V. De Grasse, June 30, 1858, who says he has in Hall's own handwriting that in 1776 he "organized and opened, under Dispensation granted by this British travelling Lodge, the first Lodge of Masons composed of colored men in America."

The power "to grant Dispensations to form Lodges" is a Grand Lodge power, and never was delegated by the English Grand Lodge to any travelling Lodge. This pretence of authority in 1776 falls, leaving their legitimacy to depend on the Charter received by them from England in 1787. Now, however doubtful the Masonic jurisdiction in Massachusetts during the revolutionary struggle may seem to some, none, we think, will claim that the Grand Lodge of England had authority to charter Lodges in Massachusetts after our independence was acknowledged by Great Britain on November 30, 1782.

We recapitulate these facts, because they point to inevitable conclusions as to Prince Hall and his associates:—

1. No evidence that they were made Masons in any Masonic Lodge.
2. If made, they were irregularly made.
3. They never had any American authority for constituting a Lodge.
4. Their Charter from England was granted at a time when all American Masonic authority agrees that the Grand Lodge of England had no power to make Lodges in the United States,

after the acknowledgment of our independence, November 30th, 1782, and the treaty of peace made November 3d, 1783.

5. The Grand Lodge of England dropped African Lodge from their list in 1813. Said Lodge does not appear to have worked since Prince Hall's death in 1807, except this, that in 1827 parties calling themselves African Lodge, No. 459, repudiated the Grand Lodge of England.

6. The Grand Lodge of England did not delegate to African Lodge any power to constitute other Lodges, or to work elsewhere than in Boston.

7. No Masonic authority exists for any of the organizations since 1807, whether pseudo Lodges or Grand Lodges; and no evidence of the Masonry of any of their members has come to our knowledge.

8. Neither English nor any other Masonic authority exists, nor has at any time existed, for these colored Lodges located out of Boston to make Masons or practise Freemasonry. Each of them began its existence in defiance of the Masonic community of the State where located, and continues unrecognized by the regular Masons of the State.

Your committee entertain a deep solicitude for the preservation of the jurisprudence of Freemasonry as the best security for the permanency of the ancient landmarks of the Art. The only Masonic distinction among men depends on a Masonic investigation of the candidate's claim to be worthy and well qualified. If these are found in a competent Masonic way, his right to receive the privileges of Masonry is perfect. We conceive distinctions founded upon race to be as inadmissible as they would be if founded on the candidate's sectarian creed or political party.

The object of the Institution is to bring good men of various

racess, creeds, and politics together, and make them better acquainted and more tolerant of differences so long as they agree on being good, reverential, and charitable citizens, which are the essentials of Freemasonry.

The policy which would make Masonic distinctions of these accidents which Masonry seeks to disregard, must overthrow the very toleration which makes Masonry universal, and gives it the aroma of the mission of peace and good-will on earth. Shall a visiting Mason be told at the door, this is a Presbyterian Lodge, you cannot enter; or, this is a native American Lodge, all of foreign birth are excluded? It is by adhering to the landmarks that Masonry has had its great social success; a contrary course would soon wreck the Institution.

Possibly, the great principles of toleration are not as closely adhered to in some Lodges as they should be; but that is a fault which more Masonic light will cure. Surely it does not justify overthrowing our common altars and legalizing departures from the landmarks. If Masonry had ever sought popularity or power, it would have sacrificed its generous spirit and broad platform, the purest exalted social philosophy, in catering to local prejudices.

If the individual Lodges of Ohio or of Massachusetts are capable of proving a colored man by Masonic tests, why should such a man not gain admission by the same strait and narrow door other men use? If fit and worthy men exist among the race, as doubtless they do, why should they not ask to kneel at your altars, rather than at a separate one? Your committee know the tension of the race-feeling in this country, and the generous sympathy, which in the desire to vindicate its humanity and equality, tends to overstep the limits of prudence, and extend to all privileges which should be restricted only to the best of each race.

The African Grand Lodges do not show regular and genuine descent. The quality of their members, like that of their founders, is unknown to the Masonic community. We do not know whether they are more cognate to our requirements than the Sons of Temperance, the Odd Fellows, or the Grangers, independent institutions, patronized by many very reputable citizens.

If the progressive toleration of Ohio is strong enough to spread genuine Masonry among those of her colored citizens who are worthy, why not rather proceed with individuals tested in a regular way, than to break down a landmark in the effort to absorb an entire organization, of whose moral and personal character and quality they have no Masonic mode of knowledge?

We are without any intention of being offensive to our Brethren in Ohio, or of trespassing on the recognized independence of their State organization. Should they think otherwise, this committee apologizes in advance for any incautious phrase they may have used.

This is the first occasion in Masonic history where, under no Masonic pressure, the Grand Lodge of a State has it under consideration to divide the union of the Craft in their jurisdiction by a color distinction, and abrogate its own exclusive control over Masonry, rather than trust the Masons in its subordinate Lodges with the right of judging black men's qualifications, as well as white men's, for Freemasonry; to make thousands of Masons by a mere vote in the Grand Lodge, and hurl them as visitors on the local existing Lodges, who had never found in them any Masonic qualification; to erect another Masonic authority in the State, with its autonomy of subordinate Lodges, and independent rules and jurisprudence and jurisdiction, and present to the Masonic Craft the experiment of a dual Masonry and a dual government in its limits.

The question whether these would promote the unity and harmony of the Craft must force itself on the consideration of every intelligent and conservative Mason who is in relation of fraternity with the present Masonic authority in Ohio.

Our Grand Lodges have been organized to support the traditional Freemasonry which their members received from the fathers. This compels us to be conservative in Masonry.

They did not expect their high doctrines could thrive, except among those selected for lofty character, and broad liberality of opinion. The world still looks to such men for leadership in all good and honorable objects.

We recognize the fundamental idea that the Brother's interest should be preferred to that of those who do not know the light. The committee have no doubt that the intelligent and worthy members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio will take every precaution to consider the bearings of the proposition before them on the Royal Art of which it has long been one of the brilliant and cherished ornaments; and that whatever step it takes in the matter will be founded on reasons acceptable to the Masonic world, consistent with its traditions, and which it will not hesitate to spread before other Grand Lodges of the Masonic community.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,

WILLIAM S. GARDNER,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

Committee.

APPENDIX TO THE FOREGOING REPORT.

[From the *Freemason's Magazine*, Boston, March, 1847.]

AFRICAN LODGE, IN BOSTON.

Our readers will recollect that about a year ago we had occasion, in reply to inquiries at that time addressed to us, to refer to the existence of the African Lodge in this city. Among the letters then received, asking for information on the subject, was one from the late Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York,—our answer to which will be found incorporated in the following report, adopted by that Grand Body, at its annual session in June last:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York:—

The undersigned, to whom was committed the memorial of a number of persons holding a Lodge in this city, called Boyer Lodge, No. 1, presented to this Grand Lodge in June last, has to report, that, according to instructions, he has inquired into the facts set forth in said memorial, and finds that the memorialists have been entirely ignorant of Masonic history, and of their own particular history, or otherwise that they very deliberately attempted to impose upon this Grand Lodge as historical facts, what they knew to be untrue.

Said memorial sets forth, “that the Boyer Lodge, No. 1, of the city of New York, had been some nineteen or twenty years *regularly and legally constituted and installed*, as a Master Masons’ Lodge, with a *legal warrant or Charter*, issued from the R.W. *African Grand Lodge* of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the city of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, whose charter empowering them to charter lodges in the United States of America, is from the M.W. Grand Lodge of

Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, and is now half a century old, being dated the 29th September, A.D. 1784, and of Masonry, 5784, Robert Rolf, D.G.M., and Wm. White, Grand Secretary, with the seal of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of London, signed by Lord Howard, Earl of Effingham, then acting as Grand Master, under his Royal Highness, Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland." This single sentence presents a mass of gross absurdities and of false facts; mingling in the Fraternity of the African Lodge in Boston, the two Grand Lodges then in England, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

To correct this statement, in part, the memorialists have recently presented another paper, in which they say: "We beg leave to state, that the Boyer Lodge, in petitioning your honorable Body in May last, that they fell into an error, if they stated that the African Grand Lodge of Boston, who chartered us, received their Charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland; we only intended to state that we was informed that they petitioned that Body for a Charter, and in due time received one, bearing the Grand Seal of London, etc., etc. We have recently received a letter from our correspondent and Brother, Robert T. Crucefix, stating that the warrant was granted to the African Grand Lodge of Boston, by the Grand Lodge of England, in the year 1784, and was numbered 459, and that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had nothing to do with it." They then insert an extract of a letter from Dr. Crucefix, in which it will be noticed he does not call it the "*African Grand Lodge*," as above set forth, but says that "the African Lodge of Boston received its warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, in the year 1784, and was numbered 459, on the registry; the warrant was signed by Rowland Holt, D.G. Master, and countersigned by Wm. White, Grand Secretary, the father of our present Grand Secretary. This I find all regularly entered in the books of our Grand Lodge; consequently, any connection with the Grand Lodge of Scotland is out of the question."

The undersigned having requested the R.W. CHARLES W. MOORE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,

to endeavor to see the Charter of the so-called African Grand Lodge of Boston, and, if possible, obtain a copy thereof, begs leave to incorporate the following extract from Brother Moore's letter, dated July 26, 1845 : —

“I called, agreeably to your request, on Mr. Hilton, who, I believe, is the Master of the African Lodge in this city, — stated to him the object of my visit, and asked permission to see the Charter of his Lodge. He informed me that there was a difficulty between his and Boyer Lodge, of long standing; that they had nothing to do with that Lodge, nor would they have, until the difference referred to was settled. He further stated that they were entirely independent of all *white* Lodges, asked no favors of them, *and would have nothing to do with them*; nor would they admit a *white* Mason, if he should present himself as a visitor. In the course of the conversation, he distinctly said that he had been ‘*told by them people*’ (meaning Boyer Lodge), to have no communication with anybody on the subject of their recognition by the Grand Lodge of New York. *He also positively and repeatedly refused to allow me to see the Charter of his Lodge, or to give me any information in relation to its history or present existence.* It is proper for me to add, that my conversation with him was kind and gentle. I explicitly stated to him that I did not call *officially*, but as a friend, and at your request, with a view to ascertain whether Boyer Lodge was a regularly constituted Lodge, such as the Grand Lodge of New York could recognize.

“This Lodge (African) has, unquestionably, a Charter of some kind. Twenty years ago I saw it; and my impression is, that it is an ordinary Lodge Charter; but whether genuine or not, I am unable to say. I have understood that it was surreptitiously obtained (through the agency of a sea-captain) from one of the two Grand Lodges *then* in England; but I can find no such record in the proceedings of either of those bodies. I have a list of the Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, up to 1804. It contains the name of St. Andrew's Lodge, in Boston, chartered in 1756, but it does not bear the name of *African* Lodge, nor does it furnish any evidence, nor

have I ever met with any (to my recollection), that the Grand Lodge of Scotland ever granted a Charter for more than *one* Lodge in Boston, viz., St. Andrew's. The only Provincial *Grand* Lodge ever formed in Massachusetts, under authority derived from the Grand Lodge of *Scotland*, was that over which Gen. Warren presided, in 1769, — and the only one by authority from England was St. John's Grand Lodge, in 1733. If there be others, claiming such powers, they are spurious.

“The African Lodge has never been recognized by the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth. Applications have several times been made by its members for admission to our Lodges; but they have generally, if not always, been refused. Mr. Hilton stated to me, that he had once, through the influence of a friend, gained admission into one of our out-of-town Lodges. If so, the Brother who introduced him laid himself open to censure, and would have been dealt with, had the circumstance come to the knowledge of the Grand Lodge. That the course of our Grand Lodge, in reference to African Lodge, is not the result of prejudice, it is only necessary for me to say, that, within the last month, a colored Brother from England has visited, and been kindly received in one of our city Lodges.

“Such is the state of the case, so far as I am able to communicate it. The *argument* does not belong to me; but you will permit me to inquire whether your Grand Lodge is prepared to recognize any real or pretended Lodge, existing within another jurisdiction, before it has been recognized by the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction? Again, — Does your Grand Lodge allow other Grand Lodges to establish Lodges within its jurisdiction? And is it ready to recognize Lodges so established?”

These three questions have been, by repeated decision of this Grand Lodge, answered in the negative; and according to the *treaty stipulations* entered into by this and other Grand Lodges of this continent, soon after the Revolution, and the uniform resistance of every encroachment upon the sole jurisdiction of the several Grand Lodges down to the present time, these questions *can* be answered *only in the negative*.

The undersigned would further state, that the legality of the Body called Boyer Lodge, No. 1, has been already twice reported on by committees of this Grand Lodge,—on the 3d of March, 1812, and on the 4th of March, 1829; in the latter report the main facts were correctly stated, and able argument sustained, and the conclusion drawn, that Boyer Lodge, No. 1, can be regarded only as a clandestine Lodge; the undersigned can arrive only at the same conclusion, it being established, beyond doubt, that the African Lodge at Boston was illegally established by the Grand Lodge of England, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; that its name has been long stricken from the roll of the Grand Lodge of England; that its assumed authority to grant warrants was unmasonic and fraudulent; and, further, that the statement contained in the memorial of said Boyer Lodge, that it has been “regularly and legally constituted and installed as a Master Masons’ Lodge, with a legal warrant or Charter,” is totally unfounded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES HERRING,
Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, June 2, 1846.

Since writing the letter from which the extract in the foregoing report is taken, a friend and Brother has handed us the following document, which was published in the papers of this city in 1827, but had entirely escaped our recollection. We give it as an important part of the history of the Lodge in question:—

“AFRICAN LODGE—No. 459.

Greeting:

“Be it known to all whom it may concern, that we, the Master, Wardens, and members of the African Lodge, No. 459, City of Boston (Mass.), U. S. of America, hold in our possession a certain unlimited Charter, granted Sept. 29, A. L. 5784, A. D. 1784, by Thomas Howard, Earl of Effingham, Acting Grand Master, under the authority of his Royal Highness

Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, etc., etc., etc., Grand Master of the most ancient and honorable society of Free and Accepted Masons. Be it further known, that the Charter alluded to bears the seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at London, England, and was presented to our much-esteemed and worthy Brethren and predecessors, Prince Hall, Boston Smith, Thomas Sanderson, and several others, agreeably to a humble petition of theirs, sent in form to the above Grand Lodge. Be it remembered that, according to correct information as regards this instrument, and the manner in which it was given, it appears to have been confined exclusively to the Africans, and to certain conditions. Whether these conditions have been complied with by our ancestors, we are unable to say ; but we can add that, in consequence of the decease of the above-named Brothers, the institution was, for years, unable to proceed, for the want of one to conduct its affairs, agreeably to what is required in every regular and well-conducted Lodge of Masons. It is now, however, with great pleasure, we state, that the present age has arrived to that degree of proficiency in the art, that we can, at any time, select from among us many whose capacity to govern enables them to preside with as much good order, dignity and propriety, as any other Lodge within our knowledge. This fact can be proved by gentlemen of respectability, whose knowledge of Masonry would not be questioned by any one well acquainted with the art. Since the rise of the Lodge to this degree of proficiency we concluded it was best and proper to make it known to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, from whence we derive our Charter, by sending written documents and moneys to fulfil the agreements of our ancestors, giving information of the low state to which it had fallen, its cause, etc., with its rise and progress ; and, also, soliciting further favors, whereby we might be placed on a different and better standing than we had heretofore. And notwithstanding this has been long since done, and more than sufficient time has elapsed for returns, yet we have never received a single line or reply from that honorable society. In consequence of this neglect we have been at a stand what course to pursue. Our remote situation prevents us from making any verbal communi-

cation whatever. Taking all these things into consideration, we have come to the conclusion that, with what knowledge we possess of Masonry, and as people of color by ourselves, we are, and ought by rights to be, free and independent of other Lodges. We do, therefore, with this belief, publicly declare ourselves free and independent of any Lodge from this day, and that we will not be tributary, or governed by any Lodge than that of our own. We agree solemnly to abide by all proper rules and regulations which govern the like Fraternities—discountenancing all imposition to injure the Order—and to use all fair and honorable means to promote its prosperity; resting in full hope that this will enable us to transmit it, in its purity, to our posterity for their enjoyment.

“Done at the Lodge this, the 18th June, A. L. 5827, A. D. 1827. In full testimony of what has been written, we here affix our names.

JOHN T. HILTON, *R. W. M.*

THOMAS DALTON, *Senior Warden.*

LEWIS YORK, *Junior Warden.*

J. H. PURBOW, *Secretary.*”

There is a discrepancy between the above and the statement given by Dr. Crucefix, as to the name of the acting Grand Master by whom the Charter was granted; but in this Brother Crucefix may have been mistaken. The name, and number, and date agree; and there can be no doubt that both parties refer to the same Charter, nor that it was originally genuine. Nor have we any doubt that it was years ago forfeited to the Grand Lodge of England, from which it was derived, and from whose roll it was stricken about the beginning of the present century.

[From the Report made to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, December 8, 1869, on the Petition of Lewis Hayden and others.]

R. W. Brother John T. Heard, chairman of the committee on the following petition of Lewis Hayden and others, reported :—

PETITION.

To the Most Worshipful, Ancient, and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts :—

We, the undersigned, represent that, in the year 1775, the rites of Masonry were conferred, in an Army Lodge attached to the British Army, then stationed at this port, upon Prince Hall, Thomas Sanderson, Boston Smith, John Main, John Hartfield, William H. Gregory, Charles Spooner, John Carter, and others, who were soon after organized as, and dispensated into, a Lodge.

Being thus organized they made application to Major-General Warren for a Charter, from whom it appears encouragement was received ; but after his fall no more was heard of it.

In 1779 the petition was again renewed. We do not know that an official answer was ever returned, but tradition informs us that it was made sport of in the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, which fact being made known to them, they said : “This shall never discourage us, nor move us from our purpose we have undertaken, and we will accomplish our design. We will petition to foreigners for what is denied us at home.”

The condition of the colored population of the State at that time, denied as they were of the benefits of education for the support of which they were taxed, together with public opinion as then existing and expressed through the journals of that epoch, forbade the recognition of the negro as a man and a brother. This can readily be seen from the fact that African slavery and the slave-trade were then lawful in this Commonwealth, and, as a consequence, the pecuniary interests of the Masons of that age transcended their obligations to the brother-

hood of man. Nor was it until 1783 that the institution of slavery was abolished, since which time no man has been born in this Commonwealth otherwise than free. We say their condition, together with public opinion, from the fact that Prince Hall and his associates were denied even the right of assembling, except by special permit of the authorities of the town of Boston.

Laboring under these disadvantages, the love of Masonry prompted, and necessity forced them, to petition the Grand Lodge of England for a Charter, and in the year 1784 (up to which time no official answer was given their petition by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge), it resulted in the granting of Charter 459, dated September 29, 1784, which is now in our possession, a true copy of which is here annexed:—

“Effingham, A.G.M. To all and every our Right Worshipful
[The seal of the Grand Lodge of Masons, London.] and loving Brethren, we, Thomas Howard, etc., etc., etc., Earl of Effingham, Lord Howard, Acting Grand Master under the authority of His Royal Highness Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, etc., etc., etc., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, sends Greeting:

“Know ye, that we, at the humble petition of our right trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Prince Hall, Boston Smith, Thomas Sanderson, and several other Brethren residing in Boston, New England, in North America, do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title or denomination of the African Lodge, to be opened in Boston, aforesaid; and do further, at their said petition, hereby appoint the said Prince Hall to be Master, Boston Smith, Senior Warden, and Thomas Sanderson, Junior Warden, for opening the said Lodge, and for such further time only as shall be thought proper by the Brethren thereof, it being our will that this our appointment of the above officers shall in no wise affect any future election of officers of the Lodge, but that such election shall be regulated agreeable to such By-Laws of the said Lodge as shall be consistent with the general laws of the society, contained in the Book of Constitutions; and we hereby

will and require you, the said Prince Hall, to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are, or have been, regularly made Masons, and that they do observe, perform, and keep all the rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions ; and further, that you do, from time to time, cause to be entered in a book kept for that purpose an account of your proceedings in the Lodge, together with all such rules, orders, and regulations as shall be made for the good government of the same ; that in no wise you omit once in every year to send to us, our successors, Grand Masters, or to Rowland Holt, Esq., our Deputy Grand Master, for the time being, an account in writing of your said proceedings, and copies of all such rules, orders, and regulations as shall be made as aforesaid, together with a list of the members of the Lodge, and such a sum of money as may suit the circumstances of the Lodge and reasonably be expected towards the Grand Charity. Moreover, we hereby will and require you, the said Prince Hall, as soon as conveniently may be, to send an account in writing of what may be done, by virtue of these presents.

“ Given at London, under our hand and seal of Masonry, this 29th day of September, A.L. 5784, A.D. 1784.

“ By the Grand Master’s Command.

ROWLAND HOLT,
D.G.M.

“ Witness,

WILLIAM WHITE,
Grand Secretary.”

By the authority of this Charter they opened a regular and perfect Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, in the town of Boston, in which they initiated, passed, and raised Master Masons. This they continued to do as a subordinate Lodge until the year 1808, at which time there being three Lodges among us, one in Boston, one in Philadelphia, and one in Providence, they, under Prince Hall, organized a Grand Lodge in this town aforesaid, which Grand Lodge granted Charters to the several subordinates now existing under the titles and denominations of “ Rising Sons of St. John’s, No. 3,” “ Union, No. 2,” and “ Celestial Lodge, No. 4.”

It also granted Charters in several other States, which have organized themselves into Grand Lodges.

The three first remaining continued their existence under their old Charters until 1847, in which year the National Grand Lodge was formed.

The African Grand Lodge of Boston, becoming a part of that body, surrendered its Charter and received its present Charter, dated December 11, 1847, under the title of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and by which authority we this day exist as a Masonic Body, and subordinate to it are the following-named Lodges, with their respective locality and membership : —

Union Lodge, No. 2	Boston	40 members.
Rising Sons of St. John's, No. 3	"	43 "
Celestial Lodge, No. 4	"	52 "
Union, No. 7	New Bedford	38 "
Eureka, No. 11	Savannah, Ga.	19 "
Sumner, No. 12	Springfield	29 "
Hilton, No. 13	Savannah, Ga.	21 "

Hayden Lodge, No. 8, Charleston, S. C., withdrawn October, 1868, and with other Lodges formed a Grand Lodge for the State of South Carolina. The requisite number of Lodges out of which to form a Grand Lodge are already in existence in Georgia, and we doubt not will soon organize a Grand Lodge for that State.

Notwithstanding our changed condition — enjoying as we do the benefits of education, and the favorable growth of public opinion — is it questionable, after a lapse of ninety-three years of unsullied Masonic existence on our part, aided by civilization and progress, whether the Masons of to-day, unlike their ancestors, free from the perplexing connection with slavery, — it having been blotted from the annals of the continent, — are ready to assent to the recognition of the black man as standing upon the broad and universal platform of Freemasonry.

And now, since all men in our Commonwealth are equals before the law, inspired by the spirit of the age, the genial and truly "*cosmopolitan*" character of our Fraternity, we are

prompted to enter this our humble plea for equal Masonic manhood in the hope that we be permitted to establish our claim to Masonic rite by whatever means the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge may suggest.

(Signed)

LEWIS HAYDEN,
EDWARD C. RUHLER,
JOHN J. SMITH,
RICHARD S. BROWN,
JOHN W. PRICE,
STEPHEN R. DORSEY,
GEORGE W. BROWN,
A. W. A. DELEON,
JOSEPH P. HAWKINS,
FRANCIS P. GRAY,
JOSEPH J. HARVY,
THOMAS PRITCHETT,
JOHN W. JOHNSON,

ALFRED R. LEWIS,
THOMAS MCCARPPY,
WM. H. W. DERBY,
JOHN N. DORSAY,
CHAS. H. GREELAND,
L. D. JOHNSON,
CHAS. A. RICKSON,
ROBERT DORSAY,
A. B. CANNEDY,
D. H. CORNEY,
MOSES OLMSTEAD,
WILLIAM GRAY,

Master Masons of Boston.

ANTHONY G. JOURDAIN, JR.
GEORGE H. MITCHELL.
S. BLECKNELL.
JAMES THOMAS.
GEORGE DELAREAN.
AUGUSTUS D. PIPER.
JOHN A. AUSTIN.
ANDREW M. BUSH.
JOSEPH M. SCOTT.
CHAS. H. BROOK.
CHARLES F. FERGUSON.
WILLIAM JACKSON.
HENRY F. MARTIN.
JAMES WIGGINS.

EDWARD JACKSON.

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CHARLES H. CARTER.
JOSEPH H. SMITH.
JOHN W. DAVIS.
GEORGE H. BRAYWOOD.
DANIEL B. SMITH.
WILLIAM H. WATKINS.
JOHN W. WILLIAMS.
MICHAEL WAINER, JR.
THOMAS TILLMAN.
WALTER S. TILGHMAN.

Members of Union Lodge, No. 7, of New Bedford.

THOMAS THOMAS, W. Master. ELI S. BAPTIST, Tyler.
GEORGE H. QUEEN, S. Warden. SAMUEL R. SCOTTRON.
C. A. PURVIS, J.W. S. E. WRIGHT.

W. N. MONTAGUE, Treasurer. HENRY O. THIEMARM.

DAVID JENNINGS, Secretary. A. E. GLASOO.

I. J. BAPTIST, S. Deacon. CHARLES DAWSON.

PAYLON WASHINGTON, J.D. C. K. DORSEY.

W. H. ADAMS, S. Steward. L. B. ASKIN.

CHARLES W. HALL, J.S. JOHN Q. JONES.

J. N. HOWARD, Marshal. W. J. LYNCH.

J. W. FRANCIS, Chaplain.

Springfield. — List of Officers and Members of Sumner Lodge, No. 12.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge : —

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Hayden and others, would respectfully report, —

That the petitioners are black men who, though they are not members or initiates of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, nor of regular Lodges within the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge in correspondence with it, still claim that they are Masons, and desire to be recognized as such by this Grand Lodge. They plead, in the terms of the petition, “for equal Masonic manhood, in the hope that we be permitted to establish our claim to Masonic rite by whatever means the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge may suggest.”

There are three classes of signers of the petition, viz. : 1. Lewis Hayden, and twenty-four others, who style themselves “Master Masons of Boston ;” 2. Anthony G. Jourdain, Jr., and twenty-five others, who designate themselves as “members of Union Lodge, No. 7, of New Bedford ;” 3. Thomas Thomas, and twenty others, who claim to be “officers and members of Sumner Lodge, No. 12, of Springfield.” The petitioners do not avowedly represent either of these Lodges, or any others ; so that their statements and prayer should be regarded as expressions of individual persons, rather than the representations and request of the Lodges mentioned in the petition.

The petition refers to the origin and progress of the so-called Freemasonry, to which the petitioners belong, and embraces a copy of a charter which certain black men, therein recognized as Masons, obtained, in 1784, from the Grand Lodge of England, and received by them in 1787.

Your committee have examined the charter, and believe it is authentic; but as they do not deem it to be necessary at this time to investigate the historical statement contained in the petition, they have not inquired into its legal Masonic effect, nor whether any proper organization under it ever took place. The petitioners include only a portion of the persons who claim to derive privileges from this instrument, when it is obvious that the granting of their prayer, for the reasons they advance, would equally benefit their associates who have not joined in the petition, and over whom, therefore, this Grand Lodge would have no control. Under these circumstances, it is not necessary to inquire into the validity of the proceedings of the persons named in the Charter, or whether the petitioners have any just claim to be considered their successors.

Lodges professing to be Masonic, existing in this Commonwealth without the sanction of this Grand Lodge, are irregular and spurious, and the members of them are, of course, denied Masonic intercourse with members of regular Lodges. The Lodges named in the petition stand in this relation to regular Lodges, and they and their members, including the petitioners, are not recognized by the Craft.

Our Constitutions make no distinction on account of the color of persons who desire the benefits of Freemasonry; and there are no rules or regulations whereby the petitioners, if "worthy and well qualified," are excluded from our Fraternity, if they seek admission through duly organized Lodges.

Your committee recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. HEARD,
G. WASHINGTON WARREN,
BRADFORD L. WALES,
ISAAC H. WRIGHT,
CHAS. W. MOORE,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
CHAS. LEVI WOODBURY.

The report was unanimously accepted.

[Extract from the Address of M.W. William S. Gardner, Grand Master, made to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, March 9, 1870.]

It is claimed that in 1775, the persons named in the Charter of the African Lodge were made Masons in a travelling Lodge attached to one of the British regiments then stationed at Boston, and that they "were soon after organized as, and dispensed into a Lodge," before the death of Warren, to whom they applied for a Charter. That they were made Masons may be true. That they received a Dispensation for a Lodge there is not the least proof of, nor the slightest shadow of pretence for. Dispensations for Lodges, as preliminary to granting a Charter, were not made use of in those days. But, more than all, there was no authorized power here to grant such Dispensation save Provincial Grand Masters Rowe and Warren. A travelling Lodge, although attached to a British regiment, could not authorize these persons to assemble as a Lodge. Nor was it ever pretended that such Dispensation existed until recently. This claim is nowhere stated directly, and contains so little foundation that it is not worth considering.

October 1, 1773, the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, after mature deliberation, decided that neither the Lodge at Castle William, nor any other travelling Lodge, "has any right to make Masons of any citizen."

I have no doubt that, on the 6th of March, 1775, the day after Warren delivered his celebrated oration in the Old South Church, where he was menaced by British troops, Prince Hall and thirteen others received the three degrees in a travelling Lodge attached to one of the British regiments in the army of General Gage, by whom Boston was then garrisoned; that Prince Hall and his associates met as a Lodge thereafter in Boston, without any Warrant or authority, until May, 1787.

In 1784, application was sent to England for a Charter. The letter of Prince Hall, dated March 1, 1784, accompanying the petition to the Grand Lodge of England for the Charter of the African Lodge, says: "I would inform you that this Lodge hath been founded almost eight years." "We have had no

opportunity to apply for a Warrant before now, though we have been importuned to send to France for one, yet we thought it best to send to the fountain-head, from whence we received the light, for a Warrant."

On the 29th day of September, 1784, a Charter was granted ; but it did not arrive at Boston for nearly three years.

April 29, 1787, it was received, and, on the 6th of May following, Prince Hall organized the "African Lodge," at Boston, ten years after the Massachusetts Grand Lodge had asserted its freedom and independence ; ten years after the American doctrine of Grand Lodge jurisdiction had been established.

Without any other authority than that contained in the Warrant for said Lodge, Prince Hall, the Master thereof, it is said, on the 22d of March, 1797, granted a Dispensation, preliminary to a Warrant, to certain persons in Philadelphia. Soon afterwards, Prince Hall established a Lodge at Providence, R. I. African Lodge, of Boston, continued to act as a subordinate Lodge until 1808, when, with the assistance of the Lodges at Philadelphia and Providence, established as above stated, it organized a Grand Lodge, at Boston, which Body granted Charters to several subordinates, not only in Massachusetts, but in several other States.

In June, 1827, the African Lodge declared its independence, and published its Declaration in one of the newspapers printed at Boston.

It is unnecessary to argue the Masonic and legitimate effect of this Declaration. It was a surrender of their Charter, and a public declaration that from thenceforth they ceased to act under it, or to recognize its validity or the authority from whence it was derived. If the "African Lodge" had any existence at this time, by force of this Declaration its existence came to an end.

In 1847, a National Grand Lodge was formed ; and, says the petition of Lewis Hayden and others to this Grand Lodge, set out on page 132 of our printed Proceedings for 1869 : "The African Lodge of Boston, becoming a part of that Body, *surrendered its Charter*, and received its present Charter, dated December 11, 1847, under the title of Prince Hall Grand Lodge

of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and by which authority we this day exist as a Masonic Body."

Under the direction of Prince Hall the Lodge prospered, but after his death, which occurred Dec. 4, 1807, æt. 72, it became dormant, and ceased to have any actual existence. In 1813, upon the union of the Grand Lodges of England, African Lodge, which had been registered as No. 459 and as 370, "*was removed from the list,*" and was never after recognized by the United Grand Lodge. The Declaration of 1827 complains that the members of African Lodge could open no correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England, and that their communications and advances were treated with the most studied neglect.

Boyer Lodge, No. 1, was organized at New York City by the African Lodge or the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. The members of this Lodge applied to the Grand Lodge of New York for recognition in 1812, 1829, and again in 1845. Grand Secretary James Herring made a report in 1846, which contains a letter from our Brother, Charles W. Moore, Grand Secretary, which throws some light upon the condition of the African Lodge in Boston at this time.

Why this Charter was granted without the consent of the Lodges in Massachusetts, and without any correspondence concerning the propriety of the step, is a question which can be answered by every American who remembers the bitter hostility existing in England at that date towards the successful rebels against the crown of Great Britain. This Charter, in common form, conferring no extraordinary powers upon the petitioners, authorizing them to hold a Lodge, enter, pass, and raise Masons, and no more, was undoubtedly granted by the Grand Master of England, and under it the petitioners commenced work. The successors of the persons named in that Charter have magnified the powers granted by it, have construed it to confer upon them Grand Lodge powers, have set up by virtue of it Grand Lodges, and finally a national Grand Lodge, with subordinate State Grand Lodges, and have established an "American doctrine of Grand Lodge jurisdiction" peculiar to themselves, distinct and separate from any other Grand Lodge

government known to man. Their National Grand Body "claims and exercises Masonic authority over these United States, with full power and authority to settle all Masonic difficulties that may arise among the Grand Lodges of these States."

The original Charter, granted September 29, 1784, under which the successors of the persons named therein have claimed to act from April, 1787, to the year 1847, and which was the only plausible authority by which they could hope to be justified in their proceedings, was not only surrendered by operation of Masonic law, June 18, 1827, by reason of the Declaration then made, but on the 11th of December, 1847, was actually in set form of words, and with premeditation, abandoned and surrendered, and if they now possess the parchment upon which it was written, it is kept only as a curious relic of the past, emasculated of its virility.

With a National Grand Lodge, State Grand Lodges, and subordinate Lodges, they have so complicated the primitive difficulty, that it will not be easy for them to escape from the triple bonds with which they have bound themselves, although many of them may be dissatisfied, some with their form of government, and some with their associates.

This is simply a question of Grand Lodge jurisdiction, a question which was settled and determined by this Grand Lodge, September 17, 1797, when it incorporated into its Constitutions this Section:—

"The Grand Lodge will not hold communication with, or admit as visitors, any Masons, residing in this State, who hold authority under, and acknowledge the supremacy of, any foreign Grand Lodge."

This provision, in some form of language, has existed in our Constitutions from 1797 to this day. It now stands in the following form: "No Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons can legally assemble in this Commonwealth under a Warrant granted by any foreign Masonic power."

This is, as I have said, simply a question of Grand Lodge jurisdiction, and we can consider it calmly and without prejudice.

The Institution of Freemasonry is universal. It stretches from East to West, from North to South, and embraces within itself the representatives of every branch of the human family. Its carefully tyled doors swing open, not at the knock of every man, but at the demand of every true and worthy man, duly accepted, whatever his religion, his race, or his country may be. This Grand Lodge stands upon the high vantage ground of this catholic society, and recognizes the great principles which must necessarily underlie an Institution which has a home on the continents and on the islands of the seas.

When that celebrated play of Terence, styled the "Self-Tormentor," was first introduced upon the Roman stage, before the great amphitheatre crowded with senators, knights, citizens, and men of rank, some of whom had been found worthy of a Roman triumph, and Chremes, in his reply to Menedemus, repeated the words, —

"Homo sum; humani nihil a me alienum puto," —

"I am a man; nothing which relates to man is alien to me," —

the vast assemblage rose up, impelled by a common sentiment, and rent the air with reiterated plaudits. The memory of that scene has not yet faded away. The words of Chremes have not yet ceased to reverberate. We bear upon the Masons' arms of Massachusetts, and have inscribed upon our Grand Lodge banner, the motto, —

"Humani nihil alienum," —

"Man everywhere our brother."

On motion of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, it was voted that five hundred extra copies of so much of this report as relates to the proposed action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and the status of the so-called African Grand Lodge, be printed for immediate distribution.

At thirty minutes past four o'clock, P.M., the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, with prayer by Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D.D., Grand Chaplain, and singing.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,
Recording Grand Secretary.

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OF

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OF THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

IN UNION WITH THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE GRAND
LODGES IN EUROPE AND AMERICA, ACCORDING TO
THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

DECEMBER, 1876.

BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, GRAND MASTER.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS, GRAND SECRETARY.

Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

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Abstract of Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

DECEMBER 13, A. L. 5876.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST
WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COM-
MONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the
Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednes-
day, the thirteenth day of December, A. L. 5876,
A. D. 1876.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. DANIEL UPTON	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS.	" " District No. 2.
R.W. SETH C. AMES	" " District No. 3.
R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON	" " District No. 4.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER	" " District No. 6.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS	" " District No. 7.

R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 9.
R.W. JOHN E. SHIPMAN	" " District No. 10.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	" " District No. 11.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES	" " District No. 12.
R.W. GEORGE L. RHOADS . . .	" " District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART	" " District No. 14.
R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD	" " District No. 15.
R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN	" " District No. 16.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE . . .	" " District No. 17.
R.W. PLINY T. LITCHFIELD . . .	" " District No. 18.
W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D.,	} Grand Chaplains.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG	
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN,	} Grand Lecturers.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY,	
W. J. FRANCIS LOTTS,	
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS,	} Junior Grand Stewards.
W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER,	
W. HENRY STEPHENSON,	
W. BAALIS SANFORD, JR. . . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. EDWARD AVERY	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. FREDERICK D. ELY	} Grand Pursuivants.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON	
BRO. JOHN C. WARREN	as Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE . . .	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER . .	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON . .	" " "
R.W. REV. E. M. P. WELLS . .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. REV. LUCIUS R. PAIGE . .	" " " "
R.W. BRADFORD L. WALES . .	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. JOEL SPALDING	" " "
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING . . .	" " "

R.W. WILLIAM W. BAKER . . .	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON . . .	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE . . .	" " "
R.W. DAVID W. CRAFTS . . .	" " "
R.W. HENRY ENDICOTT . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM T. GRAMMER . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN . . .	" " "
R.W. BENJAMIN DEAN . . .	" " "
R.W. HENRY MULLIKEN . . .	" " "
R.W. IVORY H. POPE . . .	" " "
R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR . . .	" " "
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	" " "
R.W. JOSEPH K. BAKER . . .	" " "
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL . . .	" " "

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SAINT PAUL (Ayer) . .	Mowry Lapham . . .	Master.
	E. Dana Bancroft . . .	Proxy.
SAINT PAUL'S (South Boston)	James L. Wilson . . .	Senior Warden.
	Charles T. Gallagher . .	Junior Warden.
SATUIT	George W. Merritt . . .	Master.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE . .	Orville P. Seagrave . .	Senior Warden.
SPENCER	Isaac Niles	Master.
STAR	Luther B. Palmer . . .	Senior Warden.
STAR IN THE EAST . .	William M. Arnold . . .	Master.
	William W. Atwood . . .	Junior Warden.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM .	Charles S. Beatley . . .	Master.
STARR KING	Albert B. Russell . . .	Senior Warden.
TEMPLE	Frank E. Sullivan . . .	Master.
	Thomas A. Hutchins . . .	Junior Warden.
TUSCAN	William Fisher	Senior Warden.
UNION (Nantucket) . .	Benjamin F. Brown . . .	Master.
UNITED BRETHREN . . .	George H. Whitney . . .	Master.
	Eugene Moore	Senior Warden.
WARREN	William Smeath	Senior Warden.
WASHINGTON	Solomon A. Bolster . . .	Master.
	John Carr	Junior Warden.
WEBSTER	Cortland Wood	Senior Warden.
WILLIAM PARKMAN . . .	Charles E. Follansbee . .	Master.
WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	Albert H. Sweetser . . .	Master.
WILLIAMS	George Brown	Master.
	Samuel T. Mather . . .	Senior Warden.
WINSLOW LEWIS	George R. Marble . . .	Master.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, P. M., with prayer by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing.

The records of the Quarterly Communication of September 13, 1876, were approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The Records of the Special Communications of November 13, 1876, at Boston, for the purpose of constituting Alpha Lodge, of South Framingham, and installing its officers; November 14, 1876, at Newtonville, for the purpose of constituting Fraternity Lodge, and installing its officers; and November 23, 1876, at Quincy, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Apartments of Rural Lodge, were read and approved.

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and were referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

CHARLES RIVER, West Medway, full code.

MERIDIAN, Natick, amendment.

CHARLES W. MOORE, Fitchburg, amendments.

JOHN CUTLER, Abington, amendment.

SAINT JOHN'S, Boston, amendments.

WARREN, Amesbury, amendment.

GOOD SAMARITAN, Reading, amendment.

MOUNT TABOR, East Boston, full code.

PHŒNIX, Hanover, amendment.

DELTA, Weymouth, amendment.

OLIVE BRANCH, Millbury, amendment.

Proxies from the following Lodges were presented, and the Brethren therein named were recognized accordingly: —

TRINITY LODGE, Clinton, in favor of W. BRO. ALFRED A. BURDITT.

DE WITT CLINTON LODGE, Sandwich, in favor of BRO. WILLIAM A. NYE.

ACONCAGUA LODGE, Valparaiso, Chili, S. A., in favor of W. BRO. INCREASE S. POTE.

BLACKSTONE RIVER LODGE, Blackstone, in favor of W. BRO. SAMUEL S. WHITE.

LIBERTY LODGE, Beverly, in favor of BRO. ANDREW A. DRIVER.

The Brethren of King Cyrus Lodge, Stoneham, and Narragansett Lodge, Fall River, having worked during the past year under Dispensation, presented the following petitions for Charters, which were referred, with the accompanying documents, to the Committee on Charters: —

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR KING CYRUS LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: —

We, the undersigned, Master Masons, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation bearing date October 18, 1875, empowering us to form and open a Lodge, now returning our Dispensation with a record of all our proceedings and a copy of our By-Laws, respectfully pray, if these be approved, for a Charter of Constitution empowering us, with those who may hereafter join us, under the name of KING CYRUS LODGE, located in the town of Stoneham, in the County of Middlesex, to perform all the ceremonies, and discharge all the duties at said Stoneham, appertaining to Ancient

Craft Masonry, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

OLIVER H. MARSTON,	JAMES A. VALLER,
WILLIAM F. WALKER,	RICHARD HODGSON,
J. C. CHASE,	BRYAN R. HOUGHTON,
D. B. GERRY,	ARTHUR H. COWDREY,
JOSEPH THEOBALD,	AMOS HILL,
CHARLES A. LIBBEY,	MOSES HALL,
GEORGE I. MANSUR,	ONSLOW GILMORE,
AMMI CUTTER,	J. B. HAWKINS,
JAMES A. BAKER,	ORRA PAIGE,
ALEX. C. DUNCAN,	CHARLES H. HADLEY,
EDWIN A. VINTON,	JOSEPH B. PERRY,
G. E. GERRY,	JOHN S. LEAVITT,
HERMANN STRAUCHAUER,	N. S. THOMPSON,
GEORGE A. COWDREY,	J. W. SPENCER,
SIDNEY A. HILL,	GEORGE L. W. DIKE,
EDWARD P. DODGE,	WM. H. RICHARDSON,
GEORGE W. KING,	ARTHUR W. RICE,
CHARLES K. WHITE,	G. W. HOPKINS,
LEWIS PERRY,	E. F. BUSWELL,
DAVID TIBBETTS,	JOHN C. PAIGE,
CHAS. H. WHITCHER,	C. H. BROWN,
THOMAS LORD,	JOSEPH HANSCOM,
C. W. GREENE,	E. F. BLOSSOM,
HENRY C. KEENE,	J. F. HOWARD,
GEO. L. CHILD,	JOHN CARTER,
ISAIAH MASSEY,	E. B. FAIRCHILD,
ROBERT C. HUNTRESS,	R. P. TURNBULL,
JOSEPH E. WILEY,	LYMAN DIKE,
S. W. CHAMBERLIN,	AARON HILL,
JOSEPH P. SMITH,	ABRAM A. CHASE.

STONEHAM, Dec. 12, 1876.

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR NARRAGANSETT LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts : —

We, the undersigned, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation, bearing date of December 30, A.L. 5875, and other Master Masons, raised under said Dispensation, now beg leave to return the same, with a copy of our By-Laws, and a record of all our proceedings; and respectfully pray, if these be approved, that a Charter be granted, and that we be constituted a regular Lodge, under the name of Narragansett Lodge, of Fall River, in the County of Bristol, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with full power to perform all the ceremonies, and discharge all the duties appertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry, in accordance with the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

JAMES DAVIS,
DANIEL STEVENS,
WM. RODERICK ROBERTSON,
GEORGE LEONARD WALKER,
WILLIAM HENRY BROW,
EDWIN JACKSON DYER,
ROBERT MACFARLANE,
CHARLES SILVESTER NORMAN,
JOHN MCKEAN,
MARK PHILLIPS,
CHAUNCEY HOWE SEARS,
BENNETT COOK,
JAMES HENRY MINIKIN,
JOHN WHITAKER,
JEREMIAH RODGERS ELSBREE,

AIMIE BENJAMIN BRUNEAU,
JAMES BARNEY CHASE,
ROBERT HAMPSON,
ALEXANDER JEFFERSON WILCOX,
JOHN ADAMS TOURTELLOT,
EDMUND WHITEHEAD,
EDWIN CUSHING PHILLIPS,
LEON EUGENE SWEET,
ROBERT HAMERTON,
THOMAS FRANCIS VICKERY,
DAVID SMITH,
ABNER LUTHER HOWARD,
ASA WILSON GIFFORD,
JAMES FRANCIS DAVIS,
EVERETT BEMIS DYER,

RODNEY AUGUSTUS MOORE,

JOSEPH HARRISON,

SAMUEL MARK STANDING,

PHILIP ROBERTS,

CHARLES FREDERICK TRIPP,

ROBERT JOHNSTON ADAMS,

JOSEPH HYDE,

GEORGE LEWIS MARVIN,

WALTER THACKERAY.

FALL RIVER, December 9, 1876.

Petitions for formal healing from Elisha Stone, of North Cambridge, and Frank De Caro, of Fall River, were submitted through the Grand Secretary, and were referred to the Committee on Trials and Healing.

The Grand Secretary alluded to the recent death of R.W. John Dove, M.D., of Richmond, Virginia, and on motion of Past Grand Master R.W. John T. Heard, a committee was ordered to prepare a memorial tribute to be placed upon our Records. The Grand Master appointed as the committee R.W. Past Grand Masters John T. Heard and William S. Gardner, and R.W. Grand Secretary Charles H. Titus.

The Grand Master read his Annual Report.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:—We are assembled on this one hundred and forty-third anniversary for the purpose of reviewing the past, and considering the future prosperity of our time-honored Institution.

Notwithstanding the long-continued depression in business

fairs, our Grand Lodge has continued to prosper, and our debt has been moderately reduced; while the District Deputy Grand Masters report to me that the Lodges throughout the State are, with a few exceptions, in a prosperous and thriving condition. I am firmly convinced that when the political excitement, which now exists, ceases, business will revive, and the country enjoy a season of prosperity which has not been seen for years.

FINANCIAL.

The Grand Treasurer's books show the following

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$1,691 34
Contributions from D.D.G. Masters	29,571 18
Rentals, taxes, gas and heating	25,502 00
Charters and Lodges under Dispensation	555 00
Loan from Council of Deliberation	600 00
Water rates from tenants	50 00
Return premium for insurance	18 41
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	\$57,987 93

The Grand Treasurer produces the proper vouchers for the following

PAYMENTS.

For the principal of the debt	\$10,250 00
Interest	22,320 10
Repairs on the Temple	342 12
Furniture and repairs	183 45
Gas fixtures and repairs	30 90
Repairs on heating apparatus	150 75
Water and ice	161 29
Fuel	1,357 61
Engineer and his supplies	1,241 15
Gas	964 94
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Amount carried forward,	\$37,002 31

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$37,002 31
For superintendent and assistant	1,899 96
cleaning Temple . . . . .	.	.	.	.	350 27
insurance . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1,875 00
taxes for the current year . . . . .	.	.	.	.	5,643 88
salaries of Grand Secretary and Treasurer . . . . .	.	.	.	.	3,000 00
clerk-hire, copying and engrossing . . . . .	.	.	.	.	640 00
printing and binding . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1,365 89
engraving diplomas . . . . .	.	.	.	.	345 00
meetings of D.D.G. Masters and G. Lecturers . . . . .	.	.	.	.	483 45
tyling . . . . .	.	.	.	.	40 25
settees . . . . .	.	.	.	.	318 73
donations and charity . . . . .	.	.	.	.	2,450 00
expenses of D.D.G. Masters . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1,338 06
Commission on Trials . . . . .	.	.	.	.	100 00
Feast of St. John the Evangelist, including re- porting and music	230 00
sundry small expenses	97 30
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					\$57,180 12
Cash on hand	807 81
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					\$57,987 93

The present indebtedness of the Grand Lodge is as follows : —

Mortgage to Provident Institution	\$250,000 00
Notes to Masonic Bodies	37,550 00
Note to Third National Bank	5,000 00
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Total	\$292,550 00
Deduct cash on hand	\$807 81
rents uncollected	760 78
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	1,568 59
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The net indebtedness is	\$290,981 41
Showing a reduction of	\$9,010 32
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The whole number of initiates during the past year is 1,215 ; being 225 less than for the previous year. The whole number of affiliated members is 26,141 ; being a decrease during the year of 657.

In accordance with the vote of the Grand Lodge I submit a statement of the expenses of the quarterly meetings of the District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturers during the past year: —

December, 1875	\$127 05
March, 1876	74 20
June, 1876	115 45
September, 1876	166 75
Total	<u>\$483 45</u>

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

I have granted the following Dispensations for new Lodges, and appointed the Brethren named as Masters and Wardens. Each of the petitions for Dispensation was recommended by the Lodge situated nearest to the place where the new Lodge was to be located, and was countersigned by the District Deputy Grand Master having jurisdiction.

NARRAGANSETT LODGE, Fall River. (Forty-five petitioners.)

DANIEL STEVENS Master.
 WILLIAM R. ROBERTSON Senior Warden.
 GEORGE L. WALKER Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted December 30, 1875; returnable at the Annual Communication in December, 1876.

HUELEN LODGE, Santiago, Chili. (Eight petitioners.)

JAMES MITCHELL Master.
 CHARLES E. EDWARDS Senior Warden.
 JAMES MACGREGOR Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted February 8, 1876; returnable at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1877.

BOYLSTON LODGE, West Boylston. (Twenty-three petitioners.)

EDMUND DANA BANCROFT Master.
 HENRY PIERCE Senior Warden.
 AARON GOODALE Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted March 8, 1876; returnable at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1877.

JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, Boston. (Twenty-six petitioners.)

J. ELLIOT BOND Master.

N. EDGAR HOLLACE Senior Warden.

WILLIAM F. STORY Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted March 8, 1876; returnable at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1877.

The Dispensation granted to certain Brethren in Pepperell, as reported in my last Annual Address, has been revoked; the Brethren there deciding, after more fully deliberating, that it would be best to defer the organization of the Lodge to a more favorable time.

SPECIAL WARRANTS.

Special Warrants have been issued as follows:—

To R.W. Joseph P. Johnson, Past District Deputy Grand Master, to install into his office R.W. Bro. John W. Atwood, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 15.

To R.W. William J. Sawin, Past Grand Warden, to install into his office R.W. Bro. John E. Shipman, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 10.

To R.W. H. Plunket Bouchier, Past District Deputy Grand Master for Chili, to install into his office W. Bro. David Trumbull, District Deputy Grand Master for Chili.

To R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, to formally heal Rufus White Gifford of New Bedford, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Stated Communication in December, 1875.

To R.W. John E. Shipman, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 10, to dedicate the new Masonic apartments of Hampshire Lodge, at Haydenville.

To R.W. Francis Childs, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 2, to formally heal Caleb Page, of Somerville, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication in December, 1874; and James Barnes, of Somerville, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1876.

To R.W. Wyzeman Marshall, Past Grand Warden, to lay the corner-stone of a new Town Hall, in the town of Merrimack, assisted by the Worshipful Master, Wardens and members of Bethany Lodge of West Amesbury.

To R.W. John E. Shipman, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 10, to formally heal Nicholas Reed, 2d, of Springfield, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in June, 1876.

To W. Stephen A. Southwick, Master of Jordan Lodge, Peabody, to formally heal Thomas H. Johnson, of Salem, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in September, 1876.

To R.W. Hezekiah S. Russell, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 9, to formally heal George E. Rockwell, of Pittsfield, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1876.

RETURNS MADE ON SPECIAL WARRANTS.

By returns made on the foregoing Special Warrants it appears : —

That R.W. John W. Atwood was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master, within the body of King Hiram Lodge, at Provincetown, on Monday, the sixth day of March, 1876, by R.W. Joseph P. Johnson.

That R.W. John E. Shipman was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master, within the body of

Belcher Lodge, at Chicopee Falls, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of February, 1876, by R.W. William J. Sawin.

That W. Bro. David Trumbull was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master for Chili, within the body of Bethesda Lodge, at Valparaiso, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of March, 1876, by R.W. H. Plunket Bouchier.

That Rufus White Gifford was formally healed by taking upon himself the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, administered in solemn form by R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., within the body of Eureka Lodge, at New Bedford, on Friday, the eighteenth day of February, 1876.

That the new Masonic apartments of Hampshire Lodge were dedicated to Masonic purposes, in a Deputy Grand Lodge, opened at Haydenville, by R.W. John E. Shipman, Deputy Grand Master, with a full corps of Deputy Grand Officers, on Thursday, the ninth day of March, 1876.

That Caleb Page and James Barnes were formally healed by taking upon themselves the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, administered in solemn form under the supervision of R.W. Francis Childs, within the body of Henry Price Lodge, at Charlestown, on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of April, 1876.

That the corner-stone of the new Town Hall, in the town of Merrimack, was laid in accordance with ancient usages, by R.W. Wyzeman Marshall, assisted by the Worshipful Master, Wardens and members of Bethany Lodge, of West Amesbury, on Thursday, the twenty-seventh day of July, 1876.

That Nicholas Read, 2d, was formally healed by taking upon himself the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, administered in solemn form under the supervision of R.W. John E. Shipman, within the body of

Roswell Lee Lodge, at Springfield, on Saturday, the second day of September, 1876.

That Thomas H. Johnson was formally healed by taking upon himself the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, administered in solemn form by W. Stephen A. Southwick, within the body of Jordan Lodge, at Peabody, on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of September, 1876.

That George E. Rockwell was formally healed by taking upon himself the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, administered in solemn form under the supervision of R.W. Hezekiah S. Russell, within the body of Crescent Lodge, at Pittsfield, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of November, 1876.

R.W. WENDELL T. DAVIS.

It is my painful duty to announce to you that another great light has gone out. R.W. Wendell T. Davis, Past Senior Grand Warden, died suddenly on Sunday, December 3d, at 5 o'clock P.M. A committee will prepare suitable resolutions, which will be laid before you at our Stated Communication on the 27th instant.

TRESTLE-BOARD.

The committee on the Ritual have prepared a Trestle-Board for the use of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, which contains as much relating to the three degrees as may properly be printed. It also contains the burial-service. Every officer of a Lodge should be possessed of one of these. The burial-service is also bound separately, for greater convenience, and I think every Lodge should own a number of these, in proportion to the number of its members. They can be procured at the Grand Secretary's office.

The gains arising from the sales of the Trestle-Board, travelling certificates and fees, are applied to the payment of the current expenses of the Grand Secretary's office, and to the cost of binding and care and increase of the library. A careful account is kept of all moneys received and paid, but it does not appear on the books of the Grand Treasurer.

The expenses of the Grand Secretary's office are for binding, stationery, expressage, postage, and a great many incidentals, too numerous and not of sufficient importance to enumerate here, which have been almost wholly defrayed during the past year from the sources mentioned. Every dollar received by the Grand Secretary goes into the funds of the Grand Lodge, and is expended as before stated.

BY-LAWS.

I would suggest to the Lodges the propriety of making some provision in their By-Laws by which when their annual meetings fall on a public holiday they may be held on a subsequent day. I offer this suggestion, as two or three Lodges were obliged to hold their meetings this year on Thanksgiving day, and one Lodge at least will be obliged to hold its annual meeting on Christmas.

STATUE OF WARREN.

The Brethren have noticed in the outer hall a statue of our revered Grand Master Joseph Warren. This was executed by Henry Dexter, the sculptor, expressly for the Bunker Hill Monument Society, and a copy of it, in marble, stands at the base of Bunker Hill Monument. For this valuable and costly present we are indebted to our Worshipful Brother Otis E. Weld, a most valued friend to all who know him, and a firm supporter of Freemasonry.

THANKS TO DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

I desire, in the presence of the Grand Lodge, to express my profound thanks to the District Deputy Grand Masters for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged their responsible and arduous duties, and especially for the promptness with which they have made their returns.

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE.

I regret to be obliged to report the surrender of the Charter of Philanthropic Lodge of Marblehead. This Lodge is the third in the order of precedence on our roll. The existing Charter is dated Jan. 14, 1778, and is signed by Richard Gridley, Deputy Grand Master, John Cutler, Senior Grand Warden, and Job Prince, Junior Grand Warden. It refers to a previous Charter, dated March 25, 1760, which the Brethren are said to have forfeited by not meeting once in twelve months. No name is given in the Charter, but it bears an indorsement dated June 12, 1797, assigning the name of Philanthropic, and establishing the precedence according to the date of the original Charter. This Charter was surrendered June 8th, 1812, and restored June 13, 1821. It was again surrendered and restored March 12, 1845.

For several years past the Lodge has been suffering from a lack of interest and harmony among the members. Earnest efforts have been made by some of the Grand Officers and by Brethren of the Lodge to correct this state of things, but without success. I trust at no distant day this venerable Charter may be returned to some of the zealous Masons, of whom a few still live in Marblehead, and Philanthropic Lodge resume its place in our ranks.

COLORED LODGES.

Since our last communication the Grand Lodge of Ohio has disposed of the question concerning the illegal colored Lodges existing in that State. The pretensions of legality put forth in behalf of those claimants, if well founded, would concern deeply every Grand Lodge in the United States. A common interest, in truth, as well as a fraternal interest, in preserving the jurisdictional landmark of Grand Lodge powers in the United States affects the whole fraternity of Grand Lodges who, thanks to the Divine Providence, live cordially united for the interests of their institutions.

These colored Lodges of Ohio claimed no title to their privileges of Freemasonry derived from acts of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as we understand it; their pretensions were based upon supposed Masonic action in *this* jurisdiction in the last century, partly an English action. It was a duty the Masons of this jurisdiction owed to the common weal of Freemasonry that just exposition should be made of the cause of these pretensions as it stood on our records; we could not have justified ourselves had we concealed it.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its last annual meeting, acted on the subject I refer to in a way that does not disturb the harmony existing among the Grand Lodges of this Union, or threaten the disruption of their acknowledged jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,

Grand Master.

On motion of R.W. Edward Avery, the Annual Report of the Grand Master was referred to a committee consisting of R.W. Edward Avery, R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence, and W. Charles D. Annable.

The Grand Master appointed as a committee to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of R.W. Wendell T. Davis, R.W. John T. Heard, R.W. Jonas K. Patch, and W. Henry L. Miller.

The Auditing Committee presented their Annual Report, which was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, December 13, 1876.

The Auditing Committee of the M.W. Grand Lodge beg leave to submit the following report: —

They have carefully examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, and find the same to have been correctly kept, and that all his payments are properly vouched.

For the year ending December 12, 1876, his receipts have been: —

From District Deputy Grand Masters	\$19,636 18
rents, gas and heat	25,502 00
Dispensations, Charters, etc.	490 00
water rates, premiums, etc.	130 08
balance on hand from last year	1,691 34
Total receipts	\$57,449 60

His payments are as follows: —

For notes, interest, taxes	\$39,550 65
expenses of D.D.G. Masters	1,821 51
printing and binding	1,731 82
furniture and regalias	931 34
heat and gas	3,771 49
care of Temple	2,363 73
salaries	3,000 00
charity and various small bills	3,471 25
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	56,641 79
Leaving balance in hands of the G. Treasurer of	\$807 81

There is also due to the Grand Lodge for rent and
gas, the sum of \$760 78

The present indebtedness of the Grand Lodge is as follows : —

Mortgage on Temple	\$250,000 00
Due to Masonic Institutions	37,550 00
“ “ Third National Bank	5,000 00
Total	<u>\$292,550 00</u>
Deduct cash in hands of Treasurer, and amounts due for rents, say	1,568 59
Net indebtedness	<u>\$290,981 41</u>

Your committee would further report that they have examined the records of the Recording Grand Secretary, and find the same to have been correctly kept and accurately transcribed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL P. OLIVER,

OTIS E. WELD,

Committee.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report on the Sinking Fund, which was accepted.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER ON SINKING FUND.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

December 18, 1876. .

The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year from the District Deputy Grand Masters : —

For members' tax and commutation	\$21,311 75
Amount reported previously	186,839 75
Making a total of receipts under decree passed March 13, 1867, of	<u>\$208,151 50</u>

All of which has been applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the debt upon the Temple.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McCLELLAN,
Grand Treasurer.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour for the Annual Election of Grand Officers, as fixed by the Grand Constitutions, having arrived, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for ten minutes.

On resuming labor, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master assumed the Grand East, and the Recording Grand Secretary reported the whole number of votes that might be cast for Grand Officers to be four hundred and eighty-eight, viz.: —

Grand Officers present	38
Permanent members present	27
One hundred and forty-one Lodges represented	423
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The Deputy Grand Master appointed as Tellers to receive, sort and count the votes for Grand Master, W. Marlborough Williams, W. Henry D. Barber, and W. Charles H. Richardson.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Grand Master to be four hundred and twenty-seven, four hundred and twenty-one of which were for M.W. Percival Lowell Everett, of

Boston, and he was declared to be elected Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Grand Master appointed as the Committee to wait upon the Grand Master elect, and present him to the Grand East: —

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON	Past Grand Warden.

The committee, with the Grand Marshal and the Grand Stewards, waited upon the Grand Master elect, and conducted him to the Grand East, the Brethren all rising.

The Deputy Grand Master announced to the Grand Master his re-election, and congratulated him upon this expression of the confidence and esteem of his Brethren.

The Grand Master responded in a few well-chosen words, thanking the Brethren for this mark of approval of his administration as Grand Master, and assuring them that his best efforts should be exerted for the welfare of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Master assumed the Grand East, and appointed as a committee to receive, sort and count

the votes for Senior Grand Warden, the same Brethren who had acted as Tellers in the election of Grand Master.

On motion of the Recording Grand Secretary, it was *Voted*, That the calling of the list of Lodges be dispensed with in voting for the remaining elective officers.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Senior Grand Warden to be three hundred and ninety-six, of which R. W. Daniel W. Lawrence, of Medford, had three hundred and ninety-five, and he was declared elected Senior Grand Warden for the year ensuing.

W. William J. Stevens, W. Clarke Earle, and W. William S. Wallace were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Junior Grand Warden.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Junior Grand Warden to be three hundred and fifty-three, of which three hundred and fifty were for R. W. Charles J. Danforth, of Boston, and he was declared elected Junior Grand Warden for the year ensuing.

The same committee that collected votes for the Senior Grand Warden was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Grand Treasurer.

The committee reported the whole number of

votes cast for Grand Treasurer to be two hundred and ninety-two, two hundred and ninety-one of which were for R.W. John McClellan, of Boston, and he was declared elected Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing.

The committee which collected votes for the Junior Grand Warden was appointed to collect, sort and count the votes for Recording Grand Secretary.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Recording Grand Secretary to be three hundred and eight, all of which were for R.W. Charles H. Titus, of Boston, and he was declared unanimously elected Recording Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

The committee which collected votes for Grand Treasurer was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for four Directors, two of each class, to be elected for two years.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Directors to be one hundred and eighty-two; that R.W. Charles Levi Woodbury, of Boston, of the first class, had one hundred and eighty-two; that R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence, of Medford, of the first class, had one hundred and eighty-two; that R.W. William F. Salmon, of Lowell, of the second class, had one hundred and

eighty-two; that R.W. Henry Endicott, of Cambridgeport, of the second class, had one hundred and eighty-two; and they were severally declared to be unanimously elected Directors for the term of two years.

The committee which collected votes for Recording Grand Secretary was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Auditing Committee.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Auditing Committee to be one hundred and seventy-six, all of which were for W. Otis E. Weld, of Boston, R.W. Samuel P. Oliver, of Boston, and W. Hocum Hosford, of Lowell, and they were declared to be unanimously elected Auditing Committee for the year ensuing.

R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, President of the Board of Trial Commissioners, submitted the following reports, and on each of them the Grand Lodge confirmed the finding and approved the sentence; whereby Orin Willard Manuel, of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, Chelsea, is expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, and Horatio F. Allen, of Dalhousie Lodge, Newtonville, is indefinitely suspended from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

December 13th, 1876.

IN THE MATTER OF CHARLES L. MERRICK, COMPLAINANT,

vs.

ORIN WILLARD MANUEL.

Before the Commissioners of Trials.

The foregoing complaint is the first which has come under the cognizance of the Commissioners of Trials, since the adoption by the Grand Lodge of the new system. The respondent was charged in substance, with having obtained from a Brother, on a day and at a place named in the complaint, the sum of fifty dollars, under false pretences, and with intent to cheat and defraud, in manner following, to wit: by presenting to the Brother aforesaid an order for the payment of fifty dollars, purporting to have been signed by the Eminent Commander of Palestine Commandery of Knights Templars, whereas in fact the order was not so signed; and by virtue of this false and fraudulent order, and false representations of the respondent concerning the same, the Brother was induced to pay the money to the respondent. Due service and due return thereof was made upon the respondent, in conformity with the provisions of the Constitutions and the regulations established by the Commissioners; but the respondent did not appear, either in person or by counsel. The testimony in the complaint was taken by the President of the Commissioners, was by him reduced to writing, and forms part of the record of the case. The testimony was full, clear and decisive, in respect to the issue presented. Upon the hearing and examination before the Commissioners, it was adjudged that the respondent is *guilty* of the charge and accusation, in manner and form as alleged in the complaint; and the sentence

of the Board is that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
President of Commissioners of Trials.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
December 13th, 1876.

IN THE MATTER OF STEPHEN W. TROWBRIDGE, COMPLAINT,
vs.
HORATIO F. ALLEN.

Before the Commissioners of Trials.

The charge against the respondent in the above-entitled complaint was one of unmasonic conduct, and contained two specifications, — the first charging the respondent with embezzling the funds of Dalhousie Lodge, to the amount of \$1,416.36, between June 25th, 1860, and June 1st, 1876, and the second charging him with gross intoxication at various times during the twelve months next preceding the date of the complaint, which was October 25th, 1876. The respondent was duly summoned to appear and make answer to the complaint; and service of this summons and the return thereof were in conformity with the regulations established by the Commissioners. W. Bro. Cephas Brigham appeared as counsel for the respondent, and the prosecution of the complaint was directed by W. Bro. Stephen W. Trowbridge, in person. The testimony in the cause, which was quite voluminous, as the record shows, was taken on several days, to wit: on the 23d and 25th days of November, and the 5th and 7th days of December, before the President of the Commissioners and R.W. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, of the Board. The cause came on for a hearing before the full Board, on December 8th, inst., when able

arguments were submitted by the respective counsel. The counsel for the respondent moved to dismiss the complaint, for the reason that no "time or place was alleged" and for "a want of definiteness, as required by the common law of the land, and as repugnant to Masonic law and usage." This motion was overruled. Whether a motion to dismiss, if made in a criminal court under the same circumstances, and based upon the same facts, would or would not have prevailed, was not within the province of the Commissioners to determine. It is, however, sufficient, under the Masonic law and usage of this jurisdiction, and our sister jurisdictions throughout the country, if the specification allege the act or neglect, or series of acts or neglects, relied upon in the complaint, with substantial accuracy and definiteness, embracing time, place and any other element necessary to constitute the offence, whether that offence be a crime at common law, a statutory crime, or such an act as falls within the designation of a Masonic offence. In the judgment of the Commissioners, both specifications of the complaint were sufficient, inasmuch as they set forth with substantial certainty, for a Masonic Tribunal, in the first case, the crime of embezzlement, and, in the second, a clear Masonic offence.

From the testimony submitted, it appeared that the respondent had been Secretary of Dalhousie Lodge from the year of its constitution in 1860, until June, 1876; that as such Secretary he had been intrusted with the funds of the Lodge, which it was his duty to pay over to the Treasurer; that under the By-Laws, the W. Master and the two Wardens constituted a Finance Committee, whose duty it was to examine the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and make a yearly report thereon to the Lodge; that the duty was regularly discharged each year, sometimes by an examination by all the members of the committee, but as often by only one of them, upon whom his

associates relied for an accurate statement. But it happened on several occasions, in the making up of these financial reports, that the W. Master or the member examining the accounts found a balance remaining in the Secretary's hands which was due to the Lodge, and which was ordered to be paid over, and was without hesitation paid over by him to the Treasurer; that in the year 1875, after the complainant had been elected Master of this Lodge, and prior to June of this year, he made an examination of the respondent's books, finding a deficit of \$178, which was paid by respondent's check; that prior to June, 1876, the complainant, upon examination of the Secretary's books for 1875 and 1876, found the deficit just \$408, and called the respondent's attention to the subject without informing him of the amount of the deficit. The deficit of this and of previous years was sufficient to induce the Lodge, at the complainant's suggestion, to employ the services of an expert to make a thorough examination of all books, accounts and papers appertaining to the respondent's official business as Secretary; that when respondent's attention was called to the fact of the deficit, he requested that the Past Masters of the Lodge be appointed a committee to make an examination; and accordingly the Past Masters, with the complainant and Bro. Morgan, the expert before referred to, were appointed such committee; that the committee made a careful examination, and that Bro. Morgan and the complainant made an equally careful one, the detailed statement of these examinations, together with the documents and papers upon which they were in some measure founded, appearing fully in the testimony; that the result of the examination by the committee of Past Masters was to show a deficit on the respondent's part of more than \$1,400; while the examination made by the expert showed a deficit of about \$1,800, — the difference in the two results appearing from the

reason that certain sums of money which had been loaned to the Lodge in its early days, and for the payment of which the notes of Bro. Graves, the then Treasurer, had been given, were assumed or supposed by the expert to have been received by the Secretary and therefore chargeable to him ; whereas, in fact, there was no evidence that those sums of money ever came into his hands, so that deducting those sums, which amounted to about \$350, the committee of Past Masters and the expert substantially agreed, after the fullest examination, in the deficit on the part of the respondent of about \$1,400.

It further appeared that the respondent was a man of very careless habits, so far as the keeping of accounts and the care and use of money are concerned ; but that these habits were well known, and especially by the Past Masters under whom he had officially served, and the members of the Finance Committee, under whose eye all his accounts and papers appeared from year to year. Why, through all these years since the Constitution of the Lodge, no more thorough investigation was made until the inspection of the complainant, in 1875, established the necessity for such investigation, although, perhaps, an interesting question for the members of Dalhousie Lodge, it was not within the province of the Commissioners to determine.

The foregoing statement of facts may suffice to give the Grand Lodge an understanding of the case, as it stands, in reference to the first specification. Upon the whole evidence bearing upon the specification, the Commissioners were unanimously of the opinion that the intent on the part of the respondent to wrong or defraud the Lodge of the moneys entrusted to him was wanting, or, in other words, that the evidence failed to prove such intent beyond a reasonable doubt ; and upon the first specification the respondent was adjudged not guilty.

It was not contended by the complainant that under the first specification the respondent could be convicted of an offence less than embezzlement; whether the facts proved in the case in relation to the respondent's method of keeping his accounts, to the discharge of his duties, as Secretary, in respect to the funds of the Lodge, and the proper keeping and accounting for such funds would have constituted a Masonic offence, had the same been properly alleged in a distinct specification, is a question upon which the Commissioners express no opinion. There is no Masonic code or system of written law which defines Masonic offences. There is, however, what may be termed, so far as it goes, a common law of Masonry, which consists of adjudications, determinations and resolves of the several Grand Lodges of the country, made upon cases presented heretofore. This Grand Lodge has contributed its part toward the establishment of that jurisprudence. Inasmuch as neither in this jurisdiction, nor in any of the other jurisdictions of our sister States, so far as we are informed, has the criminal code of procedure of the common-law courts, either in respect to the nature and character of the offences with which a respondent may be charged, the pleadings or the methods of trial been adopted for use in Masonic trials, it becomes necessary to resort to the doctrines and methods adopted in our own system of jurisprudence for the government and regulation of such trials, so far as these doctrines and methods have been solemnly determined. Something was done in this jurisdiction in the direction of a definition of what constitutes a Masonic offence, by the decision in the case of North Star Lodge *vs.* Silas D. Bates (*vide* proceedings of Grand Lodge for 1869, pages 26 *et seq*). The doctrines stated in the report of the committee in that case received the sanction of the Grand Lodge, and have been favorably received in many other jurisdictions. Other cases reported in our proceedings have fur-

nished rules and decisions in respect to modes of procedure in Masonic trials. These judgments of the Grand Lodge, so far as questions have arisen in the several cases, go to make up what may be termed our own peculiar Masonic jurisprudence in this regard; and in this manner, that is to say, by solemn judgments upon points as they arise in the cases presented, must this jurisprudence be expanded and enlarged into a system.

In respect to the question whether a respondent can lawfully be convicted of an offence lesser or other than that charged in the specification, the Commissioners are of opinion that he cannot be so convicted, even if the evidence presented under that specification should suffice to disclose such lesser or other offence. If the complainant chooses to make his specification in manner and form as presented, the respondent seems clearly to be entitled to consider the offence charged therein to be the only one really charged against him, and the only one to which he is called to make answer.

The complainant may present as many specifications as he pleases, but the respondent may not be held to answer a charge which is not contained in a specification actually presented. These observations are made thus at length, because the Commissioners are of opinion that the principle involved is an important one, and that its establishment and recognition as a sound doctrine of Masonic law and practice is desirable.

In respect to the second specification, charging the respondent with gross intoxication at various times during the year preceding the complaint, the evidence was clearly sufficient to establish the truth of the charge. Upon that specification the respondent was found *guilty*, and was therefore sentenced to indefinite suspension from the rights and privileges of Masonry.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
President of Commissioners of Trials.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, submitted the following report, which was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE OF
ONTARIO.

IN GRAND LODGE, ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

Boston, Dec. 13, 1876.

The committee to whom were referred certain papers relating to the "Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Ontario," so called, and amongst them one requesting this Grand Lodge to enter upon fraternal relationship with it, beg leave to report —

That the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a Grand Lodge which has been recognized as such by this Grand Lodge for sixteen years or more, extended over the Province of Ontario on the sixth day of February, 1876, when the attempt was made, without its sanction, to form the Grand Lodge of Ontario; that its jurisdiction was then recognized by the Masonic Lodges of Ontario, and had been up to that date by many, if not all, of those Masons who associated together to form this new Grand Lodge, claiming jurisdiction over that Province; that, as far as your committee can ascertain, those Masons who thus associated did not represent any Lodges; that the immediate moving cause of their association seems to have been the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada in a case clearly within its constitutional authority, and the disappointment and consequent disaffection of certain Masons in London, Ontario, arising out of that action; and that your committee are neces-

sarily brought to the conclusion that the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario is a spurious body, with whom it would be improper and unmasonic to enter upon fraternal relationship, as requested.

CHARLES A. WELCH,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

GEORGE E. MCKAY,

Committee.

The Committee on Trials and Healing made report upon the petition of Elisha Stone, of North Cambridge, which was accepted, and the recommendation that the petitioner be formally healed was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PETITION OF ELISHA
STONE FOR FORMAL HEALING.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

December 13, A. D. 1876.

The committee to whom was referred the application of Bro. Elisha Stone, have attended to the duty assigned them, and submit the following

REPORT:

It appears, from the written statements submitted to your committee, that Bro. Stone applied for the degrees to St. John's Lodge, Boston, in Nov., 1866, and was rejected; that in Oct., 1870, he applied to Charity Lodge, North Cambridge, was accepted, received his degrees, and thereafter was admitted to membership of Charity Lodge, with which Lodge he has ever since been connected. In his application to Charity Lodge he did not state that he had before applied for the degrees. In his petition he says that after he applied to St. John's Lodge he

was informed that one of the members of that Lodge had expressed a determination to oppose him, and he requested a friend, a member of St. John's Lodge, to withdraw his petition ; that shortly after that he received back the money deposited with his petition, and ever after supposed his application had been withdrawn as he had requested, until a complaint was recently made by the W. M. of St. John's to Charity Lodge. He further says that his application to Charity Lodge was filled out in the presence and under the advice of five members, four of whom were officers of Charity Lodge, and that he then made a full statement of his application to St. John's Lodge, except that he did not then remember the name of the Lodge, and that he then believed his first application had been withdrawn. As soon as the complaint was made in regard to him he demanded an investigation, and the first three officers of Charity Lodge were appointed a committee to make such investigation. The report of this committee accompanies the petition for healing, and contains a recommendation that Bro. Stone be formally healed. St. John's Lodge has been informed of the petition for healing, and does not oppose the granting of the prayer of the petition.

Under these circumstances, your committee recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that Bro. Elisha Stone be formally healed.

EDWARD AVERY,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
SAMUEL WELLS,

Committee.

The same committee made report upon the petition of Frank De Caro, of Fall River, which was ac-

cepted, and the recommendation that the petitioner be formally healed was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PETITION OF FRANK
DE CARO FOR FORMAL HEALING.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

December 13, A.D. 1876.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Frank De Caro to be formally healed, have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully

REPORT :

That the petition states that the petitioner, in the year A.D. 1875, applied to King Philip Lodge, Fall River, for the degrees, and was rejected ; that during the same year he applied for and received the degrees in Rome Lodge, Messina, Italy ; that before he applied to Rome Lodge, he did not ask for nor receive a recommendation from King Philip Lodge, or its officers ; that his failure to ask for such a recommendation and his application to Rome Lodge resulted from his ignorance of Masonic law and usage.

The granting of the prayer of his petition is recommended by the W.M., S.W., and ten other members of King Philip Lodge, who also certify to the facts set forth in the petition, and by the W.M., Wardens, and three other members of Mt. Hope Lodge, Fall River.

In view of these facts, your committee recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that Bro. Frank De Caro be formally healed.

EDWARD AVERY,

FREDERICK D. ELY,

SAMUEL WELLS,

Committee.

On the petition of Seth Winslow, the committee asked for further time, which was granted.

The Committee on Charity submitted their annual report, which was accepted; and, on motion of the Grand Treasurer, five hundred dollars were appropriated for charitable purposes, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, Dec. 13, 1876.

In accordance with the usual custom, the Committee on Charity submit their annual report.

The receipts for the year are as follows : —

Balance from old account,	\$60 00
Cash received from Montacute Lodge,	25 00
“ “ “ Lodge of Eleusis,	5 00
“ “ “ Ancient Landmark Lodge, Portland, Maine,	10 00
“ “ “ Manahatta Lodge, No. 489, New York,	10 00
“ “ “ Grand Treasurer,	2,000 00
Total,	<u>\$2,110 00</u>

The disbursements are as follows : —

For telegrams,	\$11 83
“ postage and stationery,	13 75
“ funeral expenses,	54 00
“ support of patient in Insane Hospital, at Taunton,	58 70
“ railroad and steamboat fares,	75 00
<i>Carried forward</i>	<u>\$213 28</u>

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$213 28
Cash paid 250 applicants,	1,746 72
Balance to new account,	150 00
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							\$2,110 00

The calls for assistance have been more than usually numerous during the year, and in many cases of a class that rarely applies for help. The continued depression of business has thrown many out of employment, with no means of support. A noticeable feature during the year has been the large number of applicants for employment. The committee's facilities for furnishing situations are naturally limited, yet they have, through the kindness of Brethren, been able in many cases to furnish at least temporary employment.

Owing to the death of its parents, the committee were obliged to furnish a home for an orphan child. The committee were fortunate in finding a home in a family in a neighboring city, who were willing to adopt the child as their own, and properly educate it. It is a matter of regret that there is no place in the city where the widows and orphans of deceased Brethren can find even a temporary home.

A circular has been issued, warning the Craft against a woman and two children, who have for several years imposed on the Fraternity, passing through the State on her way to the mountains in summer, and returning in the autumn; from the numerous communications received by the committee, it is evident that she succeeded in too many cases. If the Brethren in different parts of the State would properly communicate to the committee the appearance of supposed impostors, they could in many cases be promptly identified, as the committee are often in receipt of information from similar committees in other jurisdictions.

In conclusion, your committee would ask for an appropriation of five hundred dollars.

HENRY J. PARKER,

NATH'L GREENE,

JAMES MILLS,

WM. J. STEVENS,

FRANK E. JONES,

Committee.

The Committee on Charters made report, which was accepted, and Charters were granted to King Cyrus Lodge, of Stoneham, and to Narragansett Lodge, of Fall River.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

GRAND LODGE, ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

BOSTON, Dec. 13, 1876.

The Committee on Charters, to whom were referred the petitions of King Cyrus Lodge, of Stoneham, and Narragansett Lodge, of Fall River, for Charters, have carefully examined the proceedings of said Lodges, while working under Dispensation, and find them to be in accordance with the Grand Constitutions and Masonic usage. All dues having been paid to the Grand Treasurer, your committee would recommend that Charters be issued to King Cyrus Lodge and Narragansett Lodge, as prayed for.

Respectfully submitted,

IVORY H. POPE,

WILLIAM R. WILSON,

JOSEPH B. MASON,

Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws made report, which was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, Dec. 13, 1876.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Brethren : —

The Committee on By-laws have examined the amendments submitted by Olive Branch, Good Samaritan, Meridian, Delta, Charles W. Moore, Warren, John Cutler, St. John's (Boston), and Phoenix Lodges, and recommend their approval, as submitted, with a slight change in that of Warren.

Full codes have been submitted by Mt. Tabor and Charles River Lodges, and many amendments made to bring them in accord with Grand Lodge regulations and Masonic usage. With the amendments made by the committee, and a description of seal being furnished by Charles River Lodge, we recommend the approval of both codes.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. SALMON,

THOS. W. DAVIS,

Committee on By-laws.

W. Bro. Otis E. Weld presented to the Grand Lodge, through the Grand Master, the statue of General Joseph Warren, the model from which that in Bunker Hill Monument was made; and on motion of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, seconded by R.W. John T. Heard, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to Bro. Weld, and the Recording

Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate the same to him.

The Recording Grand Secretary, in behalf of Bro. Charles T. Frink, Senior Warden of Republican Lodge, Greenfield, presented to the Grand Lodge a little gavel, made from the Washington Oak, so called, at Mount Vernon,—a venerable tree, now two hundred years old,—and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned to Bro. Frink for the same.

On motion of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, seconded by R.W. Charles H. Titus, it was voted that the Grand Lodge of Maine be permitted to use such extracts from our Grand Lodge Trestle-Board as may be required in the preparation of a Masonic Digest for the use of its subordinate Lodges.

Past Grand Master R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the frequent applications for formal healing made to the Grand Lodge, by parties who had been made Masons in regular Lodges, and who were not responsible for any irregularities in the proceedings of the Lodges where they were made, but who were determined by our Grand Constitutions to be Clandestine Masons, because of such irregularities; and moved that a committee be appointed to examine this subject, and if they should deem

it expedient, report such amendments to the Grand Constitutions as the case may seem to demand. The motion prevailed, and the Grand Master appointed as such committee R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, and R.W. Charles J. Danforth.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, until the 27th instant, then to meet in the Masonic Temple in this city, at four o'clock, P. M., for the Installation of Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

Prayer was offered by W. Bro. Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D. D., Grand Chaplain, and hymn No. 10, "Come, Brothers, ere to-night we part," etc., was sung.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

DECEMBER 27, A. L. 5876.

A STATED COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of December, A. L. 5876, A. D. 1876, for the Installation of Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. DANIEL UPTON	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS	" " District No. 2.
R.W. SETH C. AMES	" " District No. 3.
R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON	" " District No. 4.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER	" " District No. 6.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY	" " District No. 11.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES	" " District No. 12.
R.W. GEORGE L. RHODES	" " District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART	" " District No. 14.
R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN	" " District No. 16.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE	" " District No. 17.
R.W. PLINY T. LITCHFIELD	" " District No. 18.

W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN, } W. CHARLES M. AVERY, } W. J. FRANCIS LOTT, }	Grand Lecturers.
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Senior Grand Steward.
W. HENRY STEPHENSON	Junior Grand Steward.
W. BAALIS SANFORD, JR. . . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. EDWARD AVERY	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. FREDERICK D. ELY, } W. HENRY S. BUNTON, }	Grand Pursuivants.
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW	Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON	" " "
R.W. GEORGE G. SMITH	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. REV. E. M. P. WELLS	" " " "
R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN	" " " "
R.W. WILLIAM W. BAKER	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE	" " "
R.W. CHARLES KIMBALL	" " "
R.W. HENRY ENDICOTT	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN	" " "
R.W. HENRY MULLIKEN	" " "
R.W. IVORY H. POPE	" " "
R.W. RICHARD BRIGGS	" " "
R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR	" " "
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	" " "
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL	" " "

BRETHREN ON THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

W. OTIS E. WELD.

W. HENRY J. PARKER.

W. JAMES MILLS.

W. WILLIAM J. STEVENS.

W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI.

BRO. FRANK E. JONES.

W. JOSEPH WINSOR.

Also the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of many subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in DUE FORM, by the Deputy Grand Master, at 4 o'clock P. M., with prayer by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing. The GREAT LIGHT was opened by the Grand Marshal at the Gospel of Saint John the Evangelist.

An amendment to the By-Laws of Hampshire Lodge, of Haydenville, was submitted for approval, and was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The committee subsequently submitted the following report:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, Dec. 27, 1876.

The Committee on By-Laws having examined the amendment submitted by Hampshire Lodge, of Haydenville, recommend its approval.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM F. SALMON,

Chairman.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

A proxy was presented from

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, Shanghai, China, in favor of R.W. Bro. WILLIAM F. SALMON, for the ensuing year,

and he was recognized accordingly.

The Junior Past Grand Master, R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, in accordance with the provision of the Grand Constitutions, presided at the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and appointed R.W. Past Grand Masters John T. Heard, William D. Coolidge, William Parkman, Charles C. Dame and William S. Gardner, a committee to wait upon M.W. Percival Lowell Everett, Grand Master elect, and present him for installation.

The committee retired, attended by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Stewards and the Grand Sword-Bearer, conducted by the Grand Marshal, and escorted the Grand Master elect to the Grand East,—the Brethren all rising,—and duly presented him for installation.

The R.W. Installing Officer directed the committee to conduct the Grand Master elect to the altar, there to receive the benefit of prayer, and be invested with his official obligation.

The Grand Master elect, having been duly invested with his official obligation, was re-conducted to the Grand East, and installed in AMPLE FORM,

and in accordance with the usage of this Grand Lodge.

The ceremony of installation, including the several proclamations, will be found set forth in full in the record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, Dec. 29, 1874.

A procession was formed in due order, and the M.W. Grand Master was saluted, in accordance with the ancient usage of the Craft and of this Grand Lodge, and proclamation was duly made by the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Master proceeded to install the Grand Wardens.

R.W. Daniel W. Lawrence was duly installed into the office of Senior Grand Warden, and R.W. Charles J. Danforth into the office of Junior Grand Warden, and proclamation thereof was made in due form.

The Grand Master installed into their respective stations, R.W. John McClellan, Grand Treasurer, and R.W. Charles H. Titus, Recording Grand Secretary.

The following appointments were announced by the Grand Master: —

R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH, Waltham, Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER, Cambridge, Corresponding Grand Secretary.

R.W. HENRY G. FAY, Boston, D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.

- R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS, Charlestown, D.D.G. Master, District No. 2.
 R.W. SETH C. AMES, East Boston, D.D.G. Master, District No. 3.
 R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON, Concord, D.D.G. Master, District No. 4.
 W. WILLIAM C. MAXWELL, Lynn, D.D.G. Master, District No. 5.
 R.W. WARREN CURRIER, Newburyport, D.D.G. Master, District No. 6.
 R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS, Lowell, D.G.G. Master, District No. 7.
 W. HENRY M. HUMPHREY, Athol, D.D.G. Master, District No. 8.
 R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL, Pittsfield, D.D.G. Master, District No. 9.
 W. JOHN A. HALL, Springfield, D.D.G. Master, District No. 10.
 R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY, Worcester, D.D.G. Master, District No. 11.
 R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES, Millbury, D.D.G. Master, District No. 12.
 W. FREDERICK D. ELY, Dedham, D.D.G. Master, District No. 13.
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 R.W. PLINY T. LITCHFIELD, Southbridge, D.D.G. Master, District No. 18.
 R.W. REV. DAVID TRUMBULL, D.D., Valparaiso, D.D.G. Master for Chili.
 R.W. ITHAMAR B. EAMES, Shanghai, D.D.G. Master for China.
 W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D. D., New Bedford, } Grand
 W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG, Groton, } Chaplains.
 W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN, Boston, Grand Marshal.
 W. THOMAS WATERMAN, Boston, }
 W. CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, } Grand Lecturers.
 W. J. FRANCIS LOTTS, Boston, }
 W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE, Boston, Senior Grand Deacon.
 W. CHARLES E. SMITH, North Attleborough, Junior Grand Deacon.
 W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS, Boston, Senior Grand Steward.
 W. THOMAS W. DAVIS, Belmont, }
 W. GEORGE E. MCKAY, Charlestown, } Junior Grand Stewards.
 W. HENRY STEPHENSON, Hingham, }
 W. JAMES SWORDS, Charlestown, Grand Sword-Bearer.
 W. EDWARD AVERY, Braintree, Grand Standard-Bearer.
 W. HENRY S. BUNTON, Hyde Park, } Grand Pursuivants.
 W. BAALIS SANFORD, JR., Brockton, }
 BRO. HOWARD M. DOW, Boston, Grand Organist.
 BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, Cambridge, Grand Tyler.

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Proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal in due form.

The Recording Grand Secretary submitted the

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JERUSALEM, Northampton.	TRINITY, Clinton.
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	WYOMING, Melrose.

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EGYPT.		

NORTH CAROLINA.	QUEBEC.	VERMONT.
NOVA SCOTIA.	RHODE ISLAND.	VIRGINIA.
OHIO.	SOUTH CAROLINA.	WASH'N TERRITORY.
OREGON.	TENNESSEE.	WEST VIRGINIA.
PENNSYLVANIA.	TEXAS.	WISCONSIN.
PRINCE EDW'D ISLAND.	UTAH.	WYOMING.

Charters have been executed for the following Lodges during the past year : —

<i>Lodge.</i>	<i>Location.</i>	<i>Date of Precedence.</i>	<i>Date of Charter.</i>
SATUIT . . .	Scituate . . .	May 11, 1875.	June 14, 1876.
ALPHA . . .	South Framingham	Sept. 2, 1875.	Sept. 13, 1876.
FRATERNITY .	Newtonville . . .	Sept. 3, 1875.	Sept. 13, 1876.
KING CYRUS .	Stoneham . . .	Oct. 18, 1875.	Dec. 13, 1876.
NARRAGANSETT	Fall River . . .	Dec. 30, 1875.	Dec. 13, 1876.

Diplomas have been issued from the office of the Recording Grand Secretary during the past year, as follows : —

	<i>Master Masons.</i>	<i>Past Masters.</i>
District No. 1	74 . . .	3
“ No. 2	77 . . .	0
“ No. 3	43 . . .	4
“ No. 4	93 . . .	14
“ No. 5	52 . . .	0
“ No. 6	79 . . .	5
“ No. 7	52 . . .	9
“ No. 8	34 . . .	11
“ No. 9	54 . . .	9
“ No. 10	100 . . .	11
“ No. 11	60 . . .	4
“ No. 12	82 . . .	6
“ No. 13	70 . . .	5
“ No. 14	84 . . .	6
“ No. 15	45 . . .	8
“ No. 16	46 . . .	7
“ No. 17	53 . . .	3
“ No. 18	59 . . .	0
Chili District	25 . . .	0
China District	0 . . .	0
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CHARLES H. TITUS,
Recording Grand Secretary.

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of preparing a memorial tribute for our Records of R.W. John Dove, M. D., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, submitted the following report:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF R.W. JOHN
DOVE, M. D.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1876.

MOST WORSHIPFUL:—At our Annual Communication the decease of our Right Worshipful Brother JOHN DOVE, of Richmond, Virginia, was brought to your notice. You appointed a committee to express the sentiments of this Grand Lodge on this sad event. That committee would now respectfully

REPORT.

By the death of Brother DOVE our sister Grand Lodge of Virginia and, indeed, the whole Masonic Fraternity, circumscribed by no territorial limits, have lost an honorable, intelligent and faithful Brother. At his home, where he was best known and where through a long life he was in daily intercourse with his neighbors and the people of Richmond, he was esteemed and honored. The appreciation of his virtues was not confined to Masons; he being beloved and respected as a neighbor, a man and a citizen, and by those who were associated with him in the learned profession of which he was a distinguished member.

He was “Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of Virginia, and the oldest Grand Secretary in the United States, if not in the world. He died at his residence, Richmond, Va., on Nov. 16, aged eighty-five years. He had been a Mason sixty-three years,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, fifty-four years, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter fifty-eight years, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery thirty-one years. It is said that he never missed attending a session of either Body during his entire official life."

In the "Daily Dispatch," of Richmond, Va., of Nov. 17, is a notice of the life of Brother Dove, which, seeming to your committee to be a just narrative of his career, we present entire: —

"DEATH OF DR. JOHN DOVE. — The Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in Virginia, and throughout the United States, if not throughout the Masonic world, will hear with regret of the death of Dr. John Dove, of this city, which took place yesterday morning at 3 o'clock, at the residence of his son-in-law, William B. Isaacs, Esq., on Sixth street, between Clay and Leigh.

"John Dove was born in this city, September 2, 1792, in the house still standing at the southwest corner of Broad and Fifth streets, and now owned by Marcus Harris. He received his education in this city, we believe. At a suitable age he attended the lectures at Jefferson College, Philadelphia, and there gained his diploma as a doctor of medicine. He engaged in the practice of his profession in this city, and continued in it up to near the end of his long life. For many years he was physician to the city jail. He enjoyed whilst in the vigor of manhood a large practice. He was also during his life a member of the City Council for several years. Also a member and secretary of the Board of Visitors of the Lancasterian school in this city from its formation until it was made a part of the public-school system of the State. He was for a number of years a communicant in St. John's church, and his daily walk and conversation were such as became his profession.

"In every relation of life Dr. Dove was a model man. Kind, courteous, intelligent, and considerate to all, he was an honor to his native city and State. But it was as a Free Mason that he

was the best known. Never father loved a child more devotedly than John Dove loved Masonry. Never child loved a father more devotedly than the Masons of Virginia loved John Dove. To him more than to any other man were due the purity and excellence of 'the work' in Virginia. To him more than to any other man the Fraternity looked as their faithful guide, counsellor, and friend. He visited the States north of Virginia many years ago, and learned 'a more excellent' ritual than had been in vogue in Virginia, and he it was that imparted it to the Craft in this State, whence it has been transmitted unimpaired to other States. He was, as Judge Wellford said once, a connecting link between the revolutionary fathers and the present generation. He was seven years old when General Washington died, and thirty-four when Thomas Jefferson died.

"Dr. Dove was in the year 1813 made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, No. 36, when its meetings were held on Cary street, opposite the old Columbian Hotel. He was an honorary member of that Lodge when he died, and it is understood that his funeral ceremonies will be conducted by it. He early became a member also of Richmond Randolph Lodge, No. 19, of which he continued a contributing member all his life. He was no doubt an honorary member of other Lodges, all of which delighted to do him honor. Two Lodges in Virginia bear his name, — one of them located in this city.

"This latter Lodge (of which the late T. P. August was the first Master) was in 1872 the scene of a most interesting ceremony connected with the subject of this notice. The gifted Valentine, a member of the Lodge, had executed a bust of the R.W. Grand Secretary, and determined to present it as a gift to his Masonic mother, Dove Lodge. The Lodge, having been notified of this intention, appointed a suitable committee to make the necessary arrangements for the presentation and reception. The programme was carried out on the night of October 15, 1872, at Assembly Hall, in the presence of an immense audience. The ceremonies incident to the occasion were conducted by Dove Lodge, assisted by Richmond Com-

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I am yn fraternal
Wendell P. Davis

The committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of R.W. Wendell T. Davis made report, which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted by a unanimous vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF R.W. WENDELL T. DAVIS.

IN GRAND LODGE, December 27, 1876.

Most Worshipful:—

In your Annual Address you were pleased to mention in appropriate terms our loss by the decease of our Brother, Wendell T. Davis, one of the permanent members of this Grand Lodge. Subsequently you appointed the undersigned a committee to prepare a memorial of him, with suitable resolutions. Your committee would respectfully

REPORT:

That Wendell Thornton Davis was born in Sandwich, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the year 1818. The precise date of his birth we are unable to state. He died in Greenfield, in this State, on Sunday, the third of this month. He leaves two sons and three daughters. His wife died in 1875.

As a man, he was esteemed and beloved. He was a true friend; was kind, genial, social, and benevolent. The newspaper press of Greenfield has devoted columns appreciative of his high character.

As a citizen, he filled faithfully important trusts. He was interested in public affairs; he had represented his town in the Legislature, and was for a number of years one of its Selectmen. At the time of his death he was Register in Bankruptcy. For

many years he held the office of Trial Justice, and probably heard more cases, it is said, than any other magistrate in his county. He discharged many duties, of a fiduciary character, for persons and corporations, with promptness and integrity.

As a Mason — a Freemason — we shall now speak of him. He was initiated in Jerusalem Lodge, of Northampton, in 1847, and was Master of Republican Lodge, of Greenfield, in 1858 and 1859.

In a note, addressed to our Recording Grand Secretary from Greenfield, it is stated that "he was a Past High Priest of Franklin R.A. Chapter; Past Ill. Master of Titus Strong Council, and the first Eminent Commander of Connecticut Valley Commandery. He, in fact, was the father of our Council and Commandery. He always retained his interest, and was always the most respected and best-loved Mason and man in all this section." He was also Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

Owing to the great distance of his residence from the seat of the Grand Lodge, and his numerous duties and engagements, of a public and private nature, he was seldom present at our Communications. Still, he manifested concern in our transactions. On December 9, 1857, he was chosen a trustee of the Charity Fund. At the election of December 14, 1864, he was chosen Senior Grand Warden. He was a member of the Committee on the Library in 1869, while he represented Republican Lodge, as Master, in Grand Lodge; the same position he filled in 1870, 1871, and 1872.

He ever took a lively interest in the welfare and honor of Republican Lodge. He was among the foremost to welcome the Grand Master on his visit to that Lodge on the 10th of August, 1857. Though the weather was most inclement, and

deprived the members of anticipated pleasures to a large extent, yet the occasion was marked with great success through the activity of Brother Davis and his associates.

On the 14th of April, 1859, the funeral of Rev. William Flint, Deputy Grand Master, occurred at Greenfield. He had requested to be buried with Masonic honors, under the direction of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, R.W. Charles W. Moore, R.W. Winslow Lewis, M.D., and Rev. Samuel Osgood, D.D., with several other Masonic Brethren, repaired to Greenfield to conduct the obsequies. There was a very large concourse of Masons and people, notwithstanding the weather was cold, wet, and cheerless. The ceremonies were conducted most satisfactorily through the labor, mainly, of our late Brother Davis. Whenever a Masonic duty was to be performed, if it rested with him, it was done with alacrity, and with a spirit of cheerfulness and devotion.

The following is copied from the *Boston Globe*:—

“The funeral of Wendell Thornton Davis took place yesterday, at half-past 1 o'clock, and was the largest public or private funeral ever held in Western Massachusetts. Mr. Davis was probably the most popular man in not only Greenfield, but in Franklin county. Large delegations from the Knights Templars and other Masonic bodies of Franklin and adjoining counties were present, and special trains were run over the several railroads terminating in this town. During the funeral services all the stores of the town were closed, and business was entirely suspended. The greatest tribute to the worth and estimation in which the deceased was held in this town was manifested by the large gathering of the poor and laboring classes, who turned out *en masse* to pay their respects to one who had always been their friend. The services were held in the Unitarian Church, and were conducted by the Rev. J. F. Moors. The floral deco-

o'clock, from St. John's Church. He will be buried with imposing Masonic ceremonies."

Your committee present the appended resolutions, which they recommend should be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

JOHN T. HEARD,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
<i>Past Grand Master,</i>		
WM. SEWELL GARDNER,		
<i>Past Grand Master,</i>		
CHARLES H. TITUS,		
<i>Grand Secretary,</i>		

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the loss of our sister Grand Lodge of Virginia, by the death of Right Worshipful JOHN DOVE, who for many years held high position in that body, is one which the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts sincerely deploras.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge sympathizes with the Grand Lodge of Virginia in its bereavement.

Resolved, That the Craft have also lost, by the decease of Brother DOVE, a faithful Brother, — one who was esteemed by Masons, and beloved and honored by all who knew him. His contributions to Masonic literature, and his long and useful Masonic life, entitle his memory to be cherished by the Masonic Brotherhood.

Resolved, That these resolutions be transmitted to the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

On motion of R.W. George Washington Warren, the report was accepted, and the resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote, — the Brethren all rising.

I am yn fraternal
Wendell P. Davis

This toast was drank standing and in silence, and when the Brethren were seated the Grand Master said: —

BRETHREN, — When the caterer arranged this feast he probably thought that our Right Worshipful Corresponding Grand Secretary was to occupy this place, for he has built such a monument before me that I can hardly see any of the gentlemen at these tables. You have seen enough of me, and heard enough from me, in the Grand Lodge to-day; and I propose to introduce a number of Brethren whom you are always glad to hear from. I first introduce our Right Worshipful Senior Past Grand Master, John T. Heard.

R.W. Past Grand Master Heard responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL, — I thought you were aiming at the Corresponding Grand Secretary, according to the remarks you commenced with, and I did not suppose I should be called upon to say anything. I am not accustomed to making post-prandial speeches; I could not make one if I tried; for the post-prandial speaker, as I understand, requires more than ordinary self-confidence. I will do no more than thank you for the privilege of being with you this evening at this festival of Saint John the Evangelist. We are celebrating it just as it should be celebrated; only, I should have been glad to have seen three times as many present as there are. The feast of Saint John the Evangelist is the great festival of the year, which the Earl of Montague charged upon Henry Price to observe. I will say no more, sir; but I trust that the festivities of this evening will pass off to the entire satisfaction of yourself and the Brethren.

THE GRAND MASTER. — In introducing to you the Brethren who will speak to-night, I propose, to a certain extent, to call

them up according to seniority in rank. I now introduce Right Worshipful Past Grand Master William D. Coolidge.

R. W. Past Grand Master Coolidge responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL, — At all gatherings for trial it is generally customary to begin with the youngest; but you have changed the order of things, and begun with the oldest, — those who are all but worn out. Still, I believe there is a green spring of memory yet left for me. I was gratified, sir, at your admirable good taste in giving a direction to this meeting by calling to our minds the revered names of our patron saints. There was a peculiar fitness in that; and, sir, that is our Masonic object. We do well to revere the name of Washington, at a lisp of whose name every Masonic and American heart leaps to the lips. It was my privilege, Brethren, — and I will detain you but a moment; if I were to undertake to speak of all the worthies, they could not be enumerated, for they are so numerous; but our hearts are bounding with pleasure at their memory, — it was my privilege, while travelling with our late Brother Lewis, in the north of Italy, to accidentally meet with a pedestal and bust in a Grecian temple there, bearing words which we could not decipher, but which he — the good man knowing everything — translated at once, and exclaimed: “It is the bust of Washington, and the inscription is, ‘The greatest ornament of all ages.’” Think, Brethren, while four of us were travelling on that Fourth of July, what were our emotions as Americans and Masons, to meet there so unexpectedly this splendid tribute to our beloved Father and Friend. I cannot explain to you all the emotions which filled my heart, and the hearts of Brother Alger and Brother Lewis, at such a sight in such a place; but it was there, and it spoke volumes to us. I shall never forget it. It has taught me to revere these venerated

names. How they cluster around us! Let me speak one sad but joyful word of our late Brother, Dr. Lewis. Could there be a name uttered here more appropriate than that? And so, sir, I have had my thoughts led to the founders of our Institution, and to those who have so gloriously succeeded in perpetuating it; and I will give you a sentiment that I picked up while reading and meditating upon the glorious men who have preceded us, and the great duties that have fallen upon us; for the mantle must come upon our shoulders, and we should wear it gracefully. It is the duty of every Brother to emulate the lives of those departed Brethren, — not only to quote them, but to live as they did, act as they did, and transmit to our successors what they have transmitted to us. I will give you these beautiful words: —

“As sure as noble sentiments have their root in morals and religion, so truly must our Fraternity have had its primeval home in some pure and saintly soul.”

It is a beautiful lesson, which has many incentives to noble effort, and bespeaks its lofty origin.

THE GRAND MASTER. — Brethren, we have had with us this afternoon, and have now, every living Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. It is not always that we can get them all together, especially at our banquet. The next brother I shall introduce to you is the Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Parkman.

R. W. Past Grand Master Parkman responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — I rise with a good deal of diffidence, because I do not like to speak in so large a presence as this, and because I am reminded by what the first speaker

said of a post-prandial effort ; I think he characterized it as the hardest of all things to accomplish in good taste ; and, besides, I never like to speak before R.W. Brother Welch has had his say, because, when he speaks after me, he takes the opportunity to abuse me, — not with any acrimony or ill-nature, because we are good friends, but because he likes to do it. I believe he thinks my skin is thin, and that I am vulnerable, for he always pitches into me when he gets up to speak. Therefore, I feel a good deal of diffidence in speaking before him ; and, besides that, I have a great difficulty in finding anything to speak about. I confess to one weakness : I like to see human faces better than anything else in the world, and I know of no place where they look so well as this. When people speak of actors, they allude to “ the wonderful mobility of countenance.” Now, if it wouldn’t be saying too much, and be a reflection upon the fact, I seriously believe that every Brother who has come to this entertainment put a little bottle of oil into his pocket, so that his countenance shall shine when he comes to the table. I have often thought to myself, that it had a great deal to do in filling up the wrinkles ; and I have wondered how some people put away as much as they do when sitting at table. And I find that then commences this wonderful mobility of countenance with all who are not in the expectation of being called upon to speak.

Brethren, I am so happy, that I never go to a Masonic meeting but when I get home I make up my mind that the first time I get another invitation I will go again. I do not know the price of the tickets, and I don’t care ; but it seems to me that this is a great deal better than the eighteen and twenty-dollars-a-plate dinners we read about. Those who attend them do not have this mobility of countenance ; they do not have this joy. When a person rises to speak here, he gets a round of applause before

he says a word, which gives him the heart to reply ; and everybody appears to have this wonderfully shining face. Many good things are said at these entertainments, and I think it is well to recall the memory of those who have lived before us. It is well known that one of our best writers of the present time has classified men into two classes, — one who see all the funny things in the world and consider life a joke ; the other who leave all the good-natured things of life behind, and really carry off all its misfortunes on their backs. Now, I think that Masons take the medium between those two, — while carrying the burdens of life they do all they can to lighten them. Therefore, I think it is a good thing for Masons to meet together and enjoy themselves as they do ; to call up the names of those who have passed away ; to hear from those who are now bearing the burdens of the day, and to see seated at the table those with the flower of youth about them, and who will bear these burdens when we are gone ; and so we come here and forget all outside influences and the dusty routine of life, sit and eat together, and go out with larger and broader feelings for all mankind. .

One of my pleasantest Christmas presents was from an old friend, who sent me a legend in which it is said that the ground on which King Solomon's Temple was erected was cultivated by two brothers. When the crop was ready to be gathered, the elder brother said to his wife, after the shocks had been gathered into two heaps, one for each: "I think, as my brother is not in so good health as I, and unable to sustain the labors of the field as I do, that I will go out in the night and remove a portion of the shocks from my heap to his." Accordingly, as he resolved he did. The other brother said to himself: "My brother has a large family, and I have none, and I think I will go and remove a part of my shocks to his." And he did so. Accordingly, for several mornings,

each noticed that his heap of shocks was just the same as it was before. So each resolved to watch the other; and they met half-way between the heaps, and were rejoiced to see that each had such a good feeling towards the other.

If this legend is true, it shows the spirit that has been forever brought out in the lives of those that were fellow-laborers in our Temple. One of the most blessed things in this Institution is the manner in which we bear each other's burdens, and the joy it gives Brethren to help each other. One of the most pleasant things is that when a Brother brings forward a case of distress, there is nobody to vote nay, and it is always a unanimous vote in the affirmative. It is so because this spirit is kept up. I have said that there is this little mobility of countenance. It is because of this oil which suffuses the heart with joy, and leads us to assist each other. I hope we shall all be present at a great many of these 27th of December festivals.

THE GRAND MASTER. — Brethren, I have the pleasure of introducing to you our Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother Charles C. Dame.

R. W. Past Grand Master Dame responded: —

MOST. WORSHIPFUL, — I regret exceedingly that it is not in my power to entertain you as profitably as the Past Grand Master who has just preceded me; yet I am happy to acknowledge the gratification I feel at being able to attend this anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, and participate with you in the festivities of the occasion. I believe that this gathering, and the celebration of this day, is of peculiar interest to our Institution, and should be regarded in a much stronger light than it is, and should call together a much larger assemblage than we usually have on these occasions. It will be

recollected, Most Worshipful, that our early Masonic Fathers enjoined upon us, with a great deal of persistency, that we should keep up the celebration of this day. Our early Masonic Fathers continued to celebrate this day for many years; after a while it fell into disuse, and I think we are indebted to our Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother Heard, for reviving it. If I recollect aright, he urged upon the Fraternity the revival of this celebration; that it should be regarded with more favor and interest than it had been; and he initiated the proceedings that have been continued uniformly from then until now, in holding this Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

I believe that this is an occasion when it is desirable that the Brethren of the Fraternity should come from different sections of the jurisdiction, not only to witness the installation of the officers honored by being selected to preside over the Grand Lodge, but to participate in the festivity and enjoyment that a feast of this kind should create. I hope that spirit will increase, and that we shall have an increased attendance from all parts of our jurisdiction, both at the installation and at the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

Brethren, while I am up, I want to again express the interest I have always felt in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. I have been in the Fraternity comparatively but a few years, when looking around upon some of my associates; yet I have been as active as my opportunities would allow, endeavoring to contribute to the enjoyment of this Grand Body, and doing what lay in my power to promote happiness and harmony among the Brethren. It is with this view that I believe this occasion is one of the very important ones to awaken and encourage the interest in our Body which we should all feel. I trust that future years will continue to see a large increase in our numbers at this table, on the occasion of the Feast on the 27th of December.

THE GRAND MASTER. — Brethren, the Brother I am about to introduce to you is known all over this country by his many contributions to the literature of Freemasonry, and especially so to the citizens of Boston, by the high office he holds as a judge of one of our courts. I introduce to you R.W. William Sewall Gardner.

R.W. Past Grand Master Gardner responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — Allusion has been made to the Feast we are celebrating to-night. From the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, two feasts have been celebrated by Masons the world over, — the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, and the Feast of St. John the Baptist; the one coming at the winter solstice, after Christmas, when everything in nature is apparently in gloom and solitude; and the other coming in the high noon of summer, immediately after the sun has arrived at his greatest height, — in June (the 24th), — when nature has put on her best, and is robed in all her loveliness; upon these two occasions Masons have always celebrated these feasts.

In the British Museum there is a magnificent specimen of art representing, as a column upon one side, the beautiful and expressive countenance of St. John the Evangelist; on the other side is the statue of St. John the Baptist, clothed with his hairy garment. Each presents the striking contrast which exists between the times of the year in which we celebrate these two feasts. They are the emblems of the summer and winter solstice.

Allusion has been made to the order in the warrant given to our Grand Master Price, when Masonry was first established in Massachusetts by constitutional authority, that this feast should

especially be celebrated. No mention was made of the mid-summer festival; and so it came to pass, in those early days, that here in Boston this feast was always celebrated — sometimes with great pomp and ceremony, with kettle-drums, fife and music heading the procession, when a small band of Masons paraded the streets of Boston through snow and frost, and finally brought up either at the Bunch of Grapes tavern or the old Exchange, on State street, and there observed it as you have celebrated it, except that the wine which has flowed here to-night was then replaced by brandy and rum and whiskey and punch; instead of cigars there was the pipe. They celebrated it with the same style and with the same spirit, and after the same manner that we, more than a hundred and forty years after them, have celebrated it upon this occasion.

This festival has continued to be celebrated from 1733 down to the Anti-Masonic times, excepting just one hundred years ago, in 1775 and 1776, when, by reason of the tumultuous occasions resulting from the war, the feast was not celebrated; but ever after it was celebrated, and although a hundred years ago at this time no record was kept of the fact that the Brethren met, they undoubtedly did meet in some form or other; and although they had no organization at that time, and were not called together to celebrate the feast as on other occasions, yet I doubt not that in some tavern, or in some private house, they did meet, and, after the manner of Masons, did celebrate the feast.

Brethren, you have voted, to-day, that on the eighth of March next you will celebrate, in such a manner as your Grand Master will direct, the Centennial of the Independence of this Grand Lodge. On the eighth of March, a hundred years ago, the Brethren met, and established themselves as an Independent Grand Lodge. They met on that occasion for the purpose of

granting a Charter to a new Lodge; and when they met they found that they had no authority; that the Colonial Congress had declared that these States were free and independent, and that by means of the Declaration of Independence of the Fourth of July they had severed themselves from all connection with both Scotland and England, with the Grand Lodges of which they were connected.

It became necessary at that time to form some Lodges, either in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, or in Maine, and the Brethren then voted that they were free and independent, in the same way that they in the civil government had voted, at Philadelphia, on the Fourth of July, 1776, that they were free and independent. They then began to act as an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge, and from the eighth of March, 1777, down to this present time, there has not been a day, or an hour, or a minute, in the old Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but that she has had an independent sovereign Grand Lodge.

Now, Brethren, I deem it of considerable importance that we celebrate this event, because, by reason of certain things which have occurred in Ohio and in Germany, it becomes somewhat necessary that we should follow up this declaration, and that we should establish it as a precedent, and impress upon this century, and upon this year, the early date of the independence of our Grand Lodge; because during the last few years there has been an attempt made in certain quarters to show that here, in the city of Boston, a Lodge known by the name of African (founded more than ten years after the independence of our Grand Lodge) was established by a Charter from the Grand Lodge of England, and has equal right and power with our Lodges here; whereas, if in 1777 our Grand Lodge became independent and sovereign, the

power of the Grand Lodge of England to establish any Lodge here — whether African, American or Asiatic — was a nullity and not worth the parchment upon which the Charter was written.

I hope, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that this occasion will be marked in some way or other. I hope that among the learned Brethren of the Grand Lodge some Brother will be selected who will put upon paper, and impress upon the Records of the Grand Lodge this important event, so that years afterwards — perhaps centuries hence — it will be read and known of all men, that we, a hundred years after the establishment of the independence of our Grand Lodge, did not forget that important event.

THE GRAND MASTER. — I am now about to introduce to you another Brother, whose name is not wholly unknown to the Masons in Massachusetts, nor to the Masons of this country. I give you the health of our Junior Past Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Sereno D. Nickerson.

R. W. Past Grand Master Nickerson responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — I find myself curiously in sympathy with all the Brethren who have preceded me, for I have listened with great interest, and with a sort of personal feeling as they have detailed to you the subjects of thought that have occurred to them on this occasion. I find myself strikingly in sympathy with the Senior Past Grand Master, who expressed his difficulty in making a post-prandial speech. I also particularly sympathize with Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Parkman, who felt such diffidence in speaking upon the subject upon which he addressed you, and I entirely accorded with him in regard to the mobility of countenance which he sees around him.

I agree with the Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters in regard to the importance of celebrating this feast. I am happy to see the increased numbers on this occasion. I think it is the largest attendance I have ever seen at the Feast of St. John, with the exception of the celebration in 1871, when we made the occasion one of particular honor to the Brethren who had signed the Declaration of 1831, and when we had some ten or twelve signers of that Declaration present, nearly all of whom have since died. I agree most cordially with the suggestion of Right Worshipful Brother Gardner as to the importance of celebrating the centennial of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, — the first Grand Lodge in this country which declared its independence of foreign Grand Lodges. By a curious coincidence, a Lodge was granted a Dispensation in this city on the eighth of March, 1876, the centennial year of our national independence, that Lodge bearing the name of JOSEPH WEBB, who was the Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge when its independence was declared in 1777. That Dispensation is returnable on the fourteenth of March next, 1877, which is the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, and I hope it shall be the pleasure of the Grand Lodge to grant a Charter to the Lodge bearing that name, not only in testimony of our appreciation of the distinguished services of the Brethren of 1777, but also as a testimony of our respect for the memory of Joseph Webb, who was a most highly esteemed Brother of his time, a revered patriot, and, I think, a colonel in the Revolutionary army.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, it is peculiarly appropriate, it seems to me, that Masons should assemble on this Festival of Saint John, because it occurs at a time when the whole Christian world is filled with joy in commemoration of the birth of Him whom all Christian nations honor, whether they

recognize his divinity or not. It is peculiarly appropriate that, at this season of the year, when the different nations and peoples of the whole Christian world are thus brought into sympathy with each other by the commemoration of the birth of the Founder of the Christian religion, that we, as Masons, should take a new start, — should meet together to sympathize with each other, and revive our desire to promote the principles of Brotherly Love which were the peculiar characteristics of His mission, and which it was the special duty of the Beloved Disciple to promote and spread throughout the world. Most of us here in Massachusetts have almost always been, I think, truly loyal and devoted to this Masonic principle of Brotherly Love. I trust that as the years roll on we shall improve these occasions; that we shall come up here in greater numbers; that the Brethren will come from the distant parts of the State to join with us here in the city in celebrating this festival. I am exceedingly gratified to see so many Brethren from distant parts of the State on this occasion. I hope that this may occur from year to year, and that the time is not very far distant when we shall be obliged to resort, as the Brethren of Massachusetts did in days of old, to Faneuil Hall to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

The first celebration of the Feast of St. John the Baptist by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, I think is recorded as having occurred in Boston in 1737, when, after the Grand Lodge was opened, the Brethren, dressed in regalia, marched in procession (appearing for the first time in the streets of the City of Boston), to the residence of Gov. Belcher, who was made a Mason, so far as we know, the earliest of any Brother in the State of Massachusetts. He was made a Mason in England about 1704, according to his own statement. There is authentic evidence that the Feast of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated

by St. John's Grand Lodge in 1749 also; and I had the good fortune, recently, to purchase among some old Masonic publications, orations, addresses, etc., a curious burlesque account, published in verse, of that procession in Boston in 1749. It was first published in 1750, and was republished in 1795. For years our Grand Officers had searched for a copy of this production, but had never been able to find it. Two years since I found a copy in the Boston Athenæum, and had it republished in the New England Freemason. I was fortunate, not long ago, in getting another copy for the Grand Lodge Library.

Our Right Worshipful Bro. Gardner has alluded to the character of the beverages formerly enjoyed upon these occasions. The double bowl of punch was constantly in use at Masonic gatherings. It was the custom to have real refreshments, of the character Brother Gardner has alluded to, at every Masonic meeting. I do not propose that we should go back to the custom of those days; but I do most earnestly urge upon the Brethren the importance of celebrating these two feasts. I think it is of the utmost importance that the Brethren of our Lodges should celebrate these two feasts, even if they cannot attend the Grand Lodge. I hope that when the Grand Lodge does celebrate the Feast of St John, the Brethren of this State will come here in large numbers and contribute all in their power to promote the festivities of the occasion.

R.W. Bro. Howland said: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL, — Very much to my discomfort I have been afflicted with headache during the afternoon, and, as the fumes of tobacco do not in any way tend to relieve it, to my great regret I must ask to be excused.

THE GRAND MASTER. — I cannot grant the request until I

have called upon Brother Howland, for he has had large experience in Masonic affairs. I give you the health of our Right Worshipful Past Senior Grand Warden.

R.W. Bro. Howland responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL, AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE, —
As I have stated, I regret exceedingly that I feel obliged, for my own comfort, if nothing more, to retire ; for I feel it a duty (in addition to the pleasure I have always received) to attend this feast, at this, the winter season of the year. I can assure you, Brethren, that I appreciate, in their fullest sense, the high compliment which you have paid me in your election of myself to the honorable position of Senior Grand Warden. I have endeavored to fulfil its duties to the best of my knowledge, under the circumstances with which I have been surrounded. I regret exceedingly that in the earlier part of the term I failed to be present at one of the meetings of the Grand Lodge, which was probably owing entirely to my own oversight in looking at the date. I fully intended to be present upon every occasion of the meeting of this Grand Lodge ; but I was unfortunately subpoenaed as a witness in a case, and I thought that if the officer failed to tender me the fee of \$1.25, I should not have to go ; but he, knowing that I intended to leave the city, tendered the fee, and I was compelled to remain at home.

I assure you, Brethren, that I leave the office which I have held during the past year with exceeding regret, as well as that of District Deputy Grand Master. My associations with those who have honored me with their appointment have ever been a source of the greatest pleasure ; I have always received from them such advice as was requested for performing the duties of my position as their representative. I have also greatly enjoyed the meetings of the District Deputy Grand

Masters, where we counselled for the good of the Craft at large, particularly when the Most Worshipful Grand Master was present, from whom we could obtain such advice as was desired, and whose presence added particularly to the satisfaction of those meetings. The past year has been one of great pleasure to me. I leave my office with regret, but I gladly accept the honor bestowed upon me of being placed among the permanent members of the Grand Lodge; and I trust that I may so live, act and think, that I shall ever be an honored member of this Fraternity, worthy the trust you have reposed in me. For the last fifteen years I have been either a public officer in municipal matters, or an officer in some of the Masonic Institutions. On Monday next I shall be a free man for the first time in fifteen years, so far as official duties are concerned; and with many regrets at some of the partings, I assure you that I look forward to that day and hour with a great deal of pleasure; yet I hope I shall be able to meet with you on every occasion when we assemble as the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to attend to the duties of such occasions.

With these few remarks, Brethren, I bid you good-night.

THE GRAND MASTER. — I would offer a word of explanation in relation to one remark which Brother Howland has made. He does not allude to being relieved of his connection with Freemasonry; but to being relieved of the position of Mayor of New Bedford on Monday next.

Brethren, I propose to continue the same line in which I commenced, at least so far as one Brother is concerned, and then I shall introduce the Brethren without regard to seniority or official position. I shall now introduce to you the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Charles A. Welch. I would say that he occupies the second highest position in the Grand

Lodge, and, in case of the sickness, absence or death of the Grand Master, he will be called upon to discharge the functions of that office.

R.W. Deputy Grand Master Welch responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,—The Brethren should not have troubled themselves to drink my health. That honor is due to those only who have been elected officers of this Grand Lodge. It must be remembered that I owe my position simply to your kindness and friendship. Allow me to commence the few words which I have to say in the language of an old poet. It would be better, no doubt, to end with a quotation, but I might by that time forget the lines, —

“ Care to our coffin adds a nail, no doubt,
But every laugh that’s genial draws one out.”

Now, I think that Masonry affords some occasions for drawing a nail or two out of our coffins ; it has never added a nail to mine, I am sure. If our meetings are not always festive ones like this, they are meetings where the social and kindly feelings are cultivated ; where we are brought more closely together as friends and Brothers ; where we may seek some respite from the cares of life. Thus, we meet regularly in our respective Lodges, and I suppose each Lodge, as often as opportunity and its means allow, calls its members after the work is over, from labor to actual refreshment. I wish that it were oftener done. Then again, there are Chapters and Commanderies, and other Masonic Bodies, which, selecting their members from different Lodges, form another ligature, and strengthen the chain which binds us all together ; and I cannot but think, with due submission to the better judgment of

the officers of these Bodies, some of whom I see present here, that the real usefulness of these Institutions will be very much diminished if they are multiplied to such an extent, that very much the same persons meet in the Lodge, the Chapter and the Commandery. If we look a little further, there are the annual visitations of the District Deputies, who are almost always accompanied by Brethren from different localities, and these visitations are universally made the occasion of friendly social intercourse at the table after the regular duty of the District Deputy is over. This is a custom which I believe productive of the most beneficial results. Then there are the quarterly meetings of the District Deputies, at which these Brethren, appointed by the Grand Master from all parts of the State, meet, and become not only familiar with the condition and progress of Masonry throughout the Commonwealth, but form friendships with each other, as permanent and lasting as life itself. Not to mention other means which Masonry affords of "conciliating true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance," the Grand Lodge unites us all, and although the necessities of space and the requirements of business only permit the officers of the Lodges to meet in Grand Lodge, yet the Grand Lodge is the grand connecting chain which binds us together, of which every affiliated Mason is a part, either personally or by his representative.

But it is at this feast, — and this is the only feast which we regularly celebrate, — it is at this feast alone that all the members of the Craft who please, from whatever quarter of the Commonwealth they hail, may meet at a common table, and keep the Masonic virtue of Brotherly Love from rusting out through want of exercise. I trust, therefore, that this feast will always be fully attended ; and I can add little or nothing to what those

who have spoken before me have said of its value to the Masonic Body, if it is thus fully attended and joyfully celebrated ; for you must remember, I am only, like Ruth, a poor gleaner in the field, over which the laborers have passed when the harvest was plenteous, and pick up and produce before you the few sheaves which they have left behind them.

Brethren, this is the Feast of St. John the Baptist —

[Cries of “ No, the other St. John.”]

Brethren, this is *not* the Feast of St. John the Baptist. It is the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, and I am glad it is not the Feast of St. John the Baptist ; for much as I am bound as a Mason to esteem this latter as an “ eminent Christian patron of Freemasonry,” I confess that my tastes and likings are very different from his. I prefer laughing at a merry meeting to crying in the wilderness. I should not like to go clothed after his fashion in the streets of this city, particularly at this season of the year, if I remember rightly that clothing as I have seen it represented in pictures ; and least of all should I wish to partake of his food, locusts and wild honey ; — the latter is too sweet for my taste, and the former have too little body and too many legs to be agreeable to my appetite.

Brethren, and particularly those of you who come from a distance, I ask you, next year, to remind your absent friends of this feast, and beg them to come here with you and make this pleasant occasion a still pleasanter one. Tell them that they will find a meeting of real Brothers and friends, — one which will serve to keep alive in their hearts that love, of which St. John the Evangelist is the great exemplar, — St. John the Christian saint, whom Masonry, making no distinction as to men’s religious any more than their political opinions, delights to honor, because he embodied in his character a grace which every religion honors, and the infidel contemplates with admiration, the

grace of a loving heart ; — St. John the loving disciple, whose head rested upon the bosom of Him whom we, Christians, regard as the incarnation of Divine love, at that social feast since made by the church a solemn ceremony, only a few brief hours before the commencement of those sufferings, upon which so large a portion of the civilized world rests its hope of salvation and a glorious immortality.

Brethren, tell them that they will not only meet here Masons from every part of the State, whose acquaintance is worth having and cultivating, but that they will have an opportunity of listening to those ancient and revered men who have held the highest office in our noble Institution, — R.W. Brother Heard, who is so ready and felicitous in eulogizing departed Brothers, and setting forth their peculiar excellences and virtues, that, if he was only a little younger, one might wish to die in *his* lifetime for the sake of being eulogized by him ; our R.W. Brother Coolidge, whose gift of rich and melodious language is so abundant, that when he quotes poetry you can hardly tell where his prose ends and the poetry begins ; Brother Parkman, whose heart, always warm, grows warmer and warmer as the feast goes on ; whom the mere sight of a tin-kitchen, if he supposed anything was turning around in it, would, I verily believe, raise from the depths of melancholy and fill to overflowing, and set aglow with Masonic love and fire, mingled, perhaps, with the slightest possible touch of Odd-Fellowship ; Brother Dame, who, from his natural modesty, retires at our feasts so far into the corner that we almost forget his presence till he is called upon by the M. W. to instruct us with his Masonic experience ; our learned and scholar-like Brother Gardner, as distinguished in Masonic as in legal lore, and to whose opinions we Masons submit with as much respect and deference as his legal brethren submit to his decisions when delivered from the judi-

cial bench ; and, last but not least, our Brother Nickerson, who, wedded to nothing else, is wedded heart and soul to Freemasonry — “ hangs over her enamored,” and finds in her “ ever new delight.”

“These are the prime in order and in might—

The rest were long to tell, though much renowned;”

and I have already taken up enough of your time.

I will only thank you for the kindness with which you have always received me, and the trifling thoughts, or rather idle words, which I am too much in the habit of offering as my tribute to these meetings. I am satisfied, however, if they have added a few moments of amusement to the pleasures of this evening, and I leave to others the duty of supplying that better part of the entertainment, which consists of instruction.

THE GRAND MASTER. — Brethren, we have the pleasure and the honor of having with us to-night a venerable Brother who is now in the eighty-second year of his age, and who for many years has been one of the most devoted Masons of this State, for some fifty-three years a Mason. I take great pleasure in introducing the Right Worshipful Brother George G. Smith, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

R. W. Brother Smith responded: —

BRETHREN, — When an old man of my age rises in an assembly of this sort, you must be content, of course, when you call him up, with mere dribblings, and a reminder of what he once was. But, although the physical powers may have decayed, and although the mental faculties may be somewhat dimmed by the infirmities of age, — strange if they should not be, — still, I can assure you, Brethren and friends, that, in my case, at least, the heart remains sound.

Brethren, when an old man rises, you expect, of course, to listen to him with all possible charity. You know very well that what he says cannot possibly amuse you, and it is not very likely to instruct you. I will only say, with regard to it, that we should, I think, on all occasions of this sort, — on all Masonic occasions, in fact, — remember what the Institution is. It is the oldest Institution known among men. Its origin is sacred, if anything human can be sacred. It arose from the devotion of the older architects to their profession. Their profession led them to do what was in fact to raise temples for worship, and which, however imperfect when they raised them, proved to be better than they knew. They raised an association to which every civilization assigns the greatest power over the human mind, — the association of Freemasonry, — the emblems of which very few can tell the meaning of, when shown to them, except in somewhat rather obscure moral allusions.

Allow me to say, at my age, — and I am in an association composed, in a great measure, of the officers of Lodges, — that no Master should ever allow a person to take upon himself the character of a Master Mason without giving him somewhat of the history and genius of our Institution. Any ordinary man may find enough to astonish and interest any individual who comes among us. It has connection with the operatives of the ancient and present world. We recollect what is generally known, that until within a very few years Freemasonry was decidedly an operative Institution. It was the sacred Institution with the ancients, and has been handed down from man to man; and all the little working tools, and all the little explanations which we carry forward now, with all initiates, were handed down from time immemorial. We know not their origin, and they are lost in the darkness that prevails in history. We only know that institutions comparatively like Masonry were united

in their full strength in the ancient associations of Egypt. We know that perfectly. They were sacred to the priests, and their initiations were known only to the priests. They carried their knowledge of Masonry to other countries, and that is the way it came down to us. When it came down to England, one very extraordinary thing which I wish to notice is, — although it is said that the German scholars contradict it, — that the origin of Gothic architecture is unquestionably due to the Masonic Institution. It is a very strange thing, but the Gothic style of architecture made its appearance in England, France, Germany and Italy at about the same time, and with precisely the same features. Why was this, gentlemen? Why, very plainly. It came down with the Crusaders, who went into the Eastern World and became acquainted with the old architecture and relics of Freemasonry, and brought it into Europe; and if you look at the character of Gothic architecture you will find that the ancient arts were precisely the same as they are in most ancient temples erected by Masons. These came down unquestionably from the Crusaders, and, as I said before, Masonry made its appearance all over Europe about the same time. The idea has been controverted, but we know it to be true; and it has been shown that in all countries in Europe, where houses have been erected at various times since, the Masonic emblems are there in almost every single instance, proving that they were erected by one and the same institution. I make this remark to show that it is not an every-day Institution, to be spoken about and then set aside. It is one of the oldest Institutions; it is the most ancient and honorable Fraternity that human beings ever knew. And when we speak of the Great Author of our Religion we see, if not the Masonic form, the Masonic spirit; when the Saviour said to his disciples: —

“Whosoever will be great among you shall be your minister.

“And whosoever of you will be chiefest, shall be servant of all.”

And that, gentlemen, was the first democratic word ever spoken on earth, and I look at it with great respect. I say nothing about the lesson the Institution teaches, but there can be no question about that. That was the first word spoken which gave the law of Liberty in the world. Brethren, I have already spoken too long, but you have heard me — [Cries of “Go on, go on.”] I have not much more to say, Brethren, but I am profoundly grateful for the spirit which I think I see here now. I am profoundly grateful for the prosperity of this Institution, because I believe it is interwoven with, and bound up in, the prosperity of the universe. Again I will say with you, “Freemasonry, first, last and always; may it be eternal.”

THE GRAND MASTER. — When Past Grand Master Coolidge addressed you he said that we ought to have called upon the youngest Mason present to speak first, as is the custom in our Lodges when conducting a trial. I have now the pleasure of introducing to you the Chairman of the Commissioners of Trials, Right Worshipful Tracy P. Cheever.

R.W. Brother Cheever responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — I think it is rather a dreary joke for you to introduce the President of the Commissioners of Trials, especially by that title, in view of the relation he bears to the Fraternity. It seems to me a good deal like an entertainment in which the public hangman should be toasted in the presence of a company who might sooner or later become the victims of his ghastly functions. Nevertheless it gives me the opportunity, at least, to say in behalf of my

associates in that Commission, — and which is but a single word of justice to them, — that for devotion to that important function ; for a spirit of Masonic justice and charity combined ; for a due regard to all the rights and interests of the accused ; and at the same time for a due regard to the justice which should be rendered to the Fraternity in such cases, — my eye does not rest upon four other members of the Fraternity who could surpass these associates of mine in all those qualities. This is but a simple act of justice to the Commission.

But I hope that I shall never be remembered in this great Body merely by my associations with its discipline. Discipline, indeed, is to be preserved ; but I should prefer to be borne in the hearts of my Brethren by some other tie than this connection.

I have always thought that if there is any place where a Mason ought to be at home it is in a Masonic Lodge ; but I wish to say that if there is any place where a Mason should be emphatically at home more than in any other, it is in the Grand Lodge of his jurisdiction when celebrating the feast of one of its great patrons. For here we see the men upon whom rests and has rested the honor of our Fraternity ; those upon whom its burdens must rest ; those who are more interested than any others can possibly be in its prosperity and welfare, and upon whom the burden of its decadence or adversity must fall with greatest weight. Although I agree with Brother Welch in what he has said of the Past Grand Masters ; although I assent to every word of his eulogy ; and although I am sorry he did not include the present Grand Master, who unites in his own person the virtues of all his predecessors, — yet I do desire to say that the Grand Lodge is not entirely composed of Past Grand Masters. They are our demi-gods, but I know we have heroes besides. Why, there is our Brother Welch himself, who is not

a Past Grand Master — though, perhaps he is a coming Grand Master — whose devotion to the best interests of the Fraternity can be hardly excelled by those who shall have preceded him; who thinks Masonic justice, and makes it the apple of his eye; and upon whom the spirit of true justice to all classes sits like a brooding dove. But we have others besides him. There is our Right Worshipful Brother Woodbury. Now, he is a man who, of course, gives character and dignity to this Grand Lodge. He can tell us about every dogma and symbol appertaining to the Fraternity, and give us the true and perfect gauge of the esoteric qualities of every leading Mason from Moses and King Solomon — I was about to say *down*, but I should rather say *up* — to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Then we have some important committees. There is the Committee on By-Laws, represented here by its chief, who is one of the finest-flavored fish that swims in the Masonic pond (Right Worshipful Brother Salmon). We have various other committees, represented by learned and accomplished Masons, who are the light and the illumination of this Grand Lodge. We have the whole array of District Deputy Grand Masters, who are not only the eyes and ears of the Grand Master, but in their hearts and tongues may represent his wisdom and strength, and his beauty in their several persons. There is the whole array of Masters and Wardens of Lodges, many of them soon to be bound by a permanent connection with this Grand Lodge. Not only the living but the dead are with us, and still compose this Grand Lodge, for we live upon their memories. I am specially called upon at this moment to bring before your minds the name of him so recently translated to the celestial Lodge above, and who, for many years, was the life of this Masonic Feast [Dr. Winslow Lewis], — the real St. John of this Masonic generation, — genial, generous,

kind, benevolent; renowned in his own special arts; a knight like Sir Brian Tunstal stainless and white, without fear and without reproach, who might well "have won the crest of Bayard or Sidney's plume of snow;" the consummate flower of all Masonic manhood,—why, sir, should he not be canonized as the third St. John? Then, sir, I say, by the good work and character of the living, and by the memories of the glorious dead, it is not in human nature not to feel a sense of pride in the bosom in the presence of a Grand Lodge thus composed and illustrated; and, as one of the least of all saints, I stand up to the full measure of my height and say I am proud of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. I only marvel, Most Worshipful Grand Master, how I ever got into it.

We have heard some wise suggestions from our most venerable associate, and, in the single moment during which I will further trouble you, let me refer to one or two of his suggestions. It is perfectly true that this Fraternity has a great and imposing history. It has a magnificent ritual; it has imposing ceremonies; it has at least a respectable jurisprudence; but the single word of caution with which I close these few remarks is this: We cannot rest upon history, jurisprudence or ritual. Do not let us forget the jewel by reason of the brilliancy of the casket which encloses it. Esteem the thing signified above the sign.

Raise the vital charities and forces of the Institution far above the splendors of ritual or the gorgeousness of ceremony. Exalt the idea above any mere form of its expression. Do this, and then it shall be no mere figure of speech to say that the genius of Freemasonry, having thus established the relation of her votaries toward the Universal Father, and toward their fellow-men, may re-echo with trumpet voice throughout the world the glad refrain of this Christmas hour, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

THE GRAND MASTER. — Brethren, we have heard from some of the older members of the Order, and now I propose to introduce to you a *Young* Mason, — the Worshipful Grand Chaplain, Bro. Young.

W. Grand Chaplain Young responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN, — Not in any facetious sense, but in great truth and soberness, I repeat the words of Brother Parkman, in saying that I rise this evening with great diffidence ; for I believe that this is the sixth consecutive Feast of St. John the Evangelist at which I have been present, and at which I have had the pleasure and honor of uttering to the Brethren present such thoughts as occurred to me. I had the sure promise of my colleague Grand Chaplain, Bro. Quint, that he would be present this evening, and I relied upon him for the part which it belongs to the Chaplain to perform ; but, as I am called to my feet, I cannot but say once and again how attractive this occasion is to my heart ; how fully and deeply I enter into all the sentiment, sympathy, and friendship, which hallow and sanctify the hours we are spending together here. It has pleased me, more and more, to hear the allusions made to the season in which this feast occurs. In itself it is as beautiful as the feast of that disciple who typifies in his character and life and teachings all that is sweetest and purest and loveliest in the human heart ; but we are passing through that period which is made so holy to us by the memories of that great and pure soul from whose heart, I believe, emanate those sentiments on which our Institution is founded, and I recall the words of Shakespeare, descriptive of this season, as they come through one of the characters in the play of Hamlet: —

"They say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit dares stir abroad;
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, no witch hath power to charm,
So hallow'd and so gracious is the time."

So, dear friends and Brothers, with this baptism of love resting upon the earth, we are gathered here to look into one another's faces and take one another by the hand and pledge ourselves, I trust, in full sympathy with the remarks of the Brother who has preceded me, not to that which is outward and superficial—the external—in Masonry, but to those great principles which are the very life and breathing existence of our Institution. Let it be so that we cannot trace the external form of Freemasonry. Let us believe that it is as old as the human heart; that it is based upon that sweetest and deepest need which every human soul feels,—the need of sympathy; the need of feeling that he has friends on the earth; the need of feeling that some heart is beating close to his heart, and that there is some one on the earth who loves and thinks of him and cares for him. Why, how powerful that sentiment of sympathy is! What man so proud, who so rich, who in so exalted positions of power or influence, as never to have felt the power of sympathy? Never to have felt the influence, the strength, the encouragement and help that come to him from a warm pressure of the hand, from a kind and loving word, from a smiling countenance, from one who feels for him, and is ready to laugh or weep with him? I remember that Gibbon, in speaking somewhere of Mahomet, says that in his pulpit exercises he was accustomed to enjoin the cultivation of self-possession, and those powers which call upon us to bear with some sentiment of

sturdiness and rigor the disappointments, losses and afflictions of the world. But one day his servant found the prophet on his knees in tears, and said, "What does this mean?" — "Mean!" says the prophet; "it means a friend weeping because he has lost his dearest friend on earth," alluding to the decease of some one who was dear to his heart.

And so I recall also the words of Dr. Johnson, who somewhere says that if there was no one on earth to love him, he would not wish to live; and if there was no one to weep over his grave he could not die in peace. So we all want to feel this affection, this sentiment of love and sympathy; and I maintain that this is the secret, the origin, the very life-breath of our Institution. It comes from the feeling that we, in this world of strife, contention and alienation, need those ties by which we should be bound together as members of one great family, and children of one common, universal Father. And so this Institution, unlike every other institution, exists with growing power and influence, — a secret, silent, invisible influence; but exerting, too, I believe, an influence for the good, for the peace of the Brotherhood, past all statement or calculation. Think, if you please, of the Christian Church. May I say that men and women are drawn largely to that institution — I had almost said — from a selfish feeling, thinking, by union with the church, by the adoption of certain forms of belief or of worship, that they are to save their souls from a terrible doom? Unlike any other institution, if I may mention, for instance, — begging pardon; for, perhaps, it would be courteous to ask pardon of those who are members, — the Odd Fellows. Ours is not a mutual health insurance company, by which, if you pay so much per week, you are to receive so much in case of distress; but an Institution which promises nothing but love, sympathy and brotherly kindness; an Institution — for which I

thank God, to-day — which stands purely and emphatically upon the simple sentiments of love, not feeling that it is for some pecuniary consideration; it is not for so much money paid; it is not for this or that privilege or honor; but it is for the grandest and greatest privilege, that we are to love and be loved, that we should belong to and become associated with an Institution of this kind. Now, let me urge, — as becomes my office and my position among you as a Minister of the Gospel and your Chaplain, — let me urge upon you, Brethren, to remember, as I said in my prayer, that, divest Freemasonry, with all its beauty of symbol, with all its impressiveness of ceremony — divest it of all its great moral virtues, and it is a sham, a pretence and a folly. I know, and must know and believe, that an Institution with such vitality; that grows, and commands the respect of thoughtful men; that commands the homage of loving hearts, is powerful, because there are those in it who look at the substance as more than the signs, who look at the spirit more than the forms, and pray God daily that they may be good Masons, which means, as did my old father after he had passed ninety years, when one evening, after reciting to me, with a fluency and a beauty that would be an example to Masters of Lodges to-day, the ritual of Freemasonry, he repeated to me the remark he had so often made, — “My son, above all things else, a Mason is a good, upright, honest, loving and God-fearing man.”

THE GRAND MASTER. — Brethren, I have observed all this evening that the two Grand Secretaries have been putting their heads together, and I have heard continual whispering from that quarter. I shall now give them an opportunity to speak out loud, and I introduce to you the Right Worshipful Recording Grand Secretary, Brother Titus.

R.W. Grand Secretary Titus responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL, — I will detain you but a moment. Some years ago Right Worshipful Brother Woodbury, in one of the most able reports he ever made before this Grand Lodge, — among so many able reports which that talented Brother has given to us to adorn our proceedings and embellish our existence as a Grand Lodge, — he referred to the fact, though he did not dwell upon it, that in the very constitution of a Lodge we fully carry out the principle which he set forth. That constitution, as set forth by the three principal officers of the Lodge, symbolizes to a wonderful extent not only the organization, but the powers which promote the well-being of society, — Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. He, whose nativity was celebrated all over this wide world on Monday last, combined in himself, as the consummate flower of humanity, all of wisdom, all of strength, all of beauty. But in the organization which He established for men, this very principle to which Brother Woodbury referred — and to which I now briefly refer — was recognized and fully set forth. St. Paul, in referring to the three principal men in the college of the Apostles, alluded to James, Peter and John, who, he says, seemed to be the pillars in the church. Look at the characteristics of these three men, — James, the wisest of the college; Peter, the illustrious strength of the college; John, the exposition of the beautiful in the college of the Apostles. So I have observed in the great reformatations that have taken place among men. It was not Luther alone who was the pillar of wisdom, but Zuingle and Melancthon came in to aid him as the pillars of strength and beauty. So John Wesley was the pillar of wisdom; but he could not stand alone, and he must have Whitefield as the pillar of strength, and his own loving

brother, Charles, as the pillar of beauty. So, if you follow out this idea in the history of the Church and Freemasonry, the three great substantial pillars of Society have been those who represent wisdom, strength and beauty, — “wisdom to contrive, strength to support, beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings.” And God has blessed this old Grand Lodge of Massachusetts with these three elements. From the beginning until now we have had pillars of wisdom. Go through all the Grand Lodges of the Union, and you will not find more pillars of wisdom than the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has cultivated, nor more pillars of strength and beauty; and because these have combined in their co-operative force is the reason we are here to-night under such happy auspices. We are blessed with the pillar of wisdom; we are blessed with the pillar of strength; we are blessed with the pillar of beauty; and in this glad time, when we hear so much of Him who combined all within himself, and so much of that pillar of beauty, whose nativity we celebrate this evening, we should be full of joy that, founded as we are, our foundation cannot be moved, — that of wisdom, strength and beauty; and when we cease to live and dwell among men; when we cease to commune in the sweet memories of this festive season, our Institution, still resting on the same great pillars, symbolized in every Lodge, — wisdom, strength and beauty, — will go on to bless humanity and help the human race.

THE GRAND MASTER. — Brethren, I have now the pleasure of introducing to you the Corresponding Grand Secretary, R.W. Judge George P. Sanger.

R.W. Bro. Sanger responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN, — I know, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that it is to your kindness that I am indebted for the great privilege which I enjoy ; and I esteem it a great privilege to be present at the various Communications of the Grand Lodge. I feel also, that, while I owe that to your kindness, I ought not to trespass, at this late hour of the evening, upon the kindness of the Brethren present, many of whom have yet to say kind words and make pleasant speeches. I, therefore, would say but a single word, and it will be to express the pleasure that I have in being present at the Communications of the Grand Lodge and in the festivities of this evening ; and especially in the great pleasure that I feel at the various meetings of the Grand Lodge, when, sitting at the right hand of the Recording Grand Secretary, without anything to do, I can give myself up to the enjoyment of the occasion, and feel that I am really in a land of pure delight. I see him busily at work ; I witness the grace with which you yourself, Most Worshipful, discharge all the duties of your office. Behind me are the active, busy young men of the Order, and of the Grand Lodge, the District Deputy Grand Masters, who, as has been well said this evening, are the eyes and ears and hands of the Grand Master in his administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge. And when I look over upon the other side of the hall, and see the Past Grand Masters and the members of the Grand Lodge, as they sit in their places, I am perfectly impressed with what this Institution — the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts — has enjoyed in the past, and of the privileges it has in the present ; and when I come here this evening and listen to the wisdom which has fallen from their lips, I know that those faces which I have looked upon are the faces of men who have well deserved the position which the Grand Lodge has granted them. I feel also, while in such a presence,

and in the quiet rest of such times, the lesson which Masonry teaches to every man. I feel that it is good to be here, and that it is a part of the great lesson of life — the lesson of life illustrated in the younger men whom we see here, and illustrated especially in the life of him, the oldest member, who has spoken here this evening; and I have faith that they, better than anything else, explain the maxim of life which is embodied in that old verse of poetry, the translation of which was made by a distinguished English jurist. And as it has been somewhat the habit of some of the speakers here this evening to quote poetry, with your leave, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Brethren present, I will simply quote those lines on “The Lesson of Life,” and with them conclude what I have to say. It is a translation by Sir William Jones of the lines of a Persian poet, that give the great lesson of life, familiar, perhaps, to many of you, but which seem to me some of the most beautiful lines that have ever been written, and they give the great lesson of life: —

“ On barren knees, a naked new-born child,
Weeping thou sat'st, while all around thee smiled;—
So live, that, sinking to thy last long sleep,
Thou then mayst smile while all around thee weep.”

THE GRAND MASTER. — Brethren, I am about to introduce a Brother whose name is an embodiment of Freemasonry — Past Deputy Grand Master George Washington Warren.

R.W. Brother Warren responded: —

There is one condition of the celebration of this feast, Most Worshipful Grand Master, which has not yet been alluded to; but I think we have followed the example. We read that the ancient Brethren held their rites on high hills and lofty places;

and I believe we are celebrating this festival upon the most elevated place to be found in this city. As I understood the remark of the venerable Past Deputy Grand Master, he observed, after walking up the many flights, this is an anti-Masonic stairway. I tell him, on the contrary, that it was not only three, five or seven steps, but three times five, and seven times that, would give us the true Masonic step in arithmetical progression. I remember the time when, in my youth, Grand Master Butler was elected by some twenty votes; and on one occasion, over thirty years ago, when, as one of a committee of invitation to invite the Brethren to a Masonic celebration, Bro. Moore gave me the names of a few ancient Masons he wished to be brought together, and from one of them — a man of the highest position — I received this reply: "I had once great regard for Masonry, but it seems to me that the world has outgrown it. I think the best thing the Masonic Institution can do would be to separate and give its funds to some more permanent charitable institution." I showed that letter to Bro. Moore, — with whom I always advised, — because it concluded with an invitation to me, if I sympathized with him in the feeling, to call upon him, and he would like to make arrangements to carry that measure into execution. I told Bro. Moore I thought I had better not call upon him, because it would only lead to unpleasant differences of opinion; and although he was so much older than myself, and I was extremely flattered by the invitation from him, I thought I would forego the opportunity. That was in 1845, and at that time not more than thirty or forty votes were cast at the meetings of the Grand Lodge.

He was a very old man at that time. But we have had a good long life, and shall have. My experience is that the Masonic life is conducive to longevity. A few drop away early, but the greater part of those who live the life of

Masonry generally extend their lives to the period of the Brother to whom you listened with so much respect this evening. Brother Gardner has just reminded us that next March we shall all be a hundred years old. I have been preparing for that by dyeing my hair so as to make it look white—get the silver-gray—and I see that several Brethren around me are going through the same operation. The Deputy Grand Master seems given to putting on powder. The Most Worshipful Grand Master will powder all the hair he has left, so that we shall all be Centennial. Therefore, I will close with this aspiration: “May the future success of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts equal, but it cannot excel, the glories and triumphs of its first century.”

THE GRAND MASTER.—I now have the pleasure of introducing R.W. Bro. Frederick D. Ely, District Deputy Grand Master for the Thirteenth District.

R.W. Brother Ely responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,—I am somewhat taken by surprise at being introduced on this occasion. I have listened with a great deal of pleasure, interest and instruction, to the speeches that have been made by the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, and I concur heartily with the sentiments that have been offered. I think, however, that I concurred more heartily in what the Senior Past Grand Master said than anything that has been uttered since. He told us he was very much pleased to be present here to-night; and I certainly was very much pleased to be present here to-night, for I was afraid I shouldn't get here at all. From the time that I received my degrees as a Mason, I certainly have felt a deep and abiding conviction that there was something in Masonry which touched

a man's heart more closely and dearly than anything else in the world. Of course when everything moves smoothly along in a man's life, he does not need the sympathy of anybody; but there are occasions in the life of every man when he needs human sympathy — at any rate, occasions when his own spirits are depressed. Then where can he turn for sympathy; where can he turn and have his heart relieved of its burdens, as he can by his Brethren in Freemasonry? Nowhere. The Brother Mason feels toward another those ties and affections which lead him to look with kindness and with forbearance upon all his faults and failings. My friend, the President of the Commission on Trials, — of which I am happy to be the humblest member, — has made some allusions to their proceedings; and I think there never was a more striking illustration of the fact to which I have alluded, than on the occasion when we considered the case of an unfortunate Brother, who, perhaps, more through unfortunate habits, than through any other failing of his nature, had been brought before that tribunal for trial. The Commissioners met to consider his case. It was a case where men's minds might differ; and it appeared that each member of the tribunal feared that the other members might not regard his case with that true Masonic feeling of forbearance and love towards him, fallen as he was, that he deserved, and that spirit of Freemasonry that it required. But on consultation it was found that each member had entertained the same thoughts and feelings of love toward him. Although I presume he was a stranger to all of us, and although most of us had never seen him, yet that feeling of Masonic love toward him had been in the hearts of every one, and they brought to the decision of his case that feeling which, I have no doubt, every Brother before me would have brought had he sat upon the case. And so it is, I think, in all the gradations of life among

Masons. They do not look upon each other as men do towards other men. They do not harshly condemn a man before they consider his case; but they give it careful consideration to see if there cannot be some palliating circumstances in his favor. Therefore it is that one Brother may go to another and relieve his conscience with the expectation that, if he does not receive relief, he will at least receive sincere and sorrowful sympathy. Now, sir, I suppose a man would ordinarily go home to his family in a case of the nature of which I have spoken; and unfortunate would be that man who did not have his wife's and children's arms stretched out to him in sympathy and love in distress. But where can a man, who is not a Mason, go outside of his family, and receive that sympathy which is so dear to his heart? He can go nowhere. But the Mason can meet the first Brother whom he can find and unburden his heart and conscience to him. The longer I live, and the more experience in life and Masonry I have, the more rejoiced I am to think that early in life I had the privilege and high honor of receiving the first three degrees in Freemasonry.

R.W. Past Grand Master Coolidge said:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — I want to express my hearty gratitude to that committee, for it touched my very soul. I longed and prayed that they would see it thus. It was in the Lodge of my own founding where this took place, and I thank God the great lesson was taught and is taught to us that forbearance is the great lesson of life. I thank them with all my heart, for I knew that Brother when he was deserving of my love.

THE GRAND MASTER. — Although one of the Past District Deputy Grand Masters has alluded to the baldness of my

head, you must not infer that I am far advanced in life.

I am a very young man, yet I must confess that my sight is not as good as it once was, and I am unable to distinguish the Brothers at the other end of the room ; so, if I omit to call upon any of the Brethren who wish to speak, they will please come nearer this end of the table, that I may recognize them. I now have the pleasure of introducing to you Worshipful Brother Rodocanachi.

W. Brother Rodocanachi responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — You take me with great surprise. It seems to me that at a convivial dinner the best parts are left for the last, but you have reversed the order. Still, Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, I will seize the opportunity to express to you my gratitude for your call. For the last fortnight, as many Brethren know, I have been somewhat “ under the weather,” and, under these circumstances, I can hardly collect my thoughts to express the gratification I feel at your call. Before sitting down, however, I will make a few remarks in regard to what has been said this evening.

One remark was in regard to the celebration of our Centennial, — that we should have that celebration for the purpose of showing our independence to some of the Grand Lodges abroad. I hope that I am mistaken, but I thought that that was somewhat of a defiance. It seems to me, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that that celebration, instead of being taken harshly by those Grand Lodges, will have a beneficial effect upon them. I think it will be the making of them, and the calling to them of their own errors.

Another thing I wish to state this evening is in regard to the universality of Freemasonry, to which I owe the honor and

pleasure of being with you this evening. While we were talking about ourselves this evening — speaking as Americans — I could not forget that in 1851 I made my first application for the honor of receiving the degrees. It was in Aspinwall, on the Isthmus. At that time they were forming a Lodge, composed of all sorts and colors of people. Although I was not a Mason, I contributed toward erecting that Lodge; but, after I was balloted for, to receive the degrees, I had good reason for withholding myself from it. The next application I made was in the Isle of Mauritius. There, also, I had the gratification of knowing that I was accepted, and a special meeting was called to give me the degrees; but, unfortunately, I had to sail from the port that night, or remain there indefinitely, and, consequently, I lost that opportunity. Finally, I brought up in America, and here I first saw the light in Columbian Lodge. About two years ago, at a certain celebration, I found myself upon the broad platform of Freemasonry. There I was with my degrees; before me was another person from the Sandwich Islands; around me were persons from the United States, and all just as friendly and as brotherly as any one could possibly desire.

Once I had the misfortune, or good fortune, to be shipwrecked, and when I arrived in Calcutta I was not a Freemason. The next day I heard that a master of a vessel had applied there for relief, who had only received his first degree before he sailed from Melbourne, and could hardly make himself known; but he succeeded, and received that relief which one Mason can never refuse to another. I will relate another instance which occurred in China. A seaman lost his ship, and arrived in Hong Kong in destitute circumstances. There was another captain there who was a Mason. The destitute seaman went to him and said: “You are bound to New Zealand; I want to go to Australia myself, and I will work my passage.”

Although the other captain was a Mason, he was only one in form, — unfortunately there is a black sheep in every flock, — and he said: “My mate is going to leave me; you may take his berth, work for your passage, and give me fifty dollars also.” The man had not fifty cents in his pocket. He went to the former owners of his ship, and told them that for fifty dollars and his work he could reach that place. One of the owners happened to be a Mason, and he said: “Go and ask if he will not pay you wages.” The captain of the ship, knowing the destitute circumstances of the other, replied: “No, I will not receive you, but if you will give me fifty dollars I will take you.” The man returned, and his newly-found friends collected money enough to pay his passage in the cabin, and leave a good sum in his pocket; but before they reached New Zealand the master of that vessel had been expelled from his Lodge. Letters went by steamer, and before he arrived there, on the strength of those certificates, which could not be denied, he was expelled by the Lodge in Melbourne.

Now, Most Worshipful Grand Master, as I said, I cannot collect my ideas to say what I desire to say, and I hope the Brethren will pardon me for not doing justice to the occasion and myself; but I thank you for the kindness which called me out, and I assure you I consider it an honor to be present, for it is an honor which this Institution will not deny to the lowest; and that is the beauty of our Institution.

THE GRAND MASTER. — Brethren, I trust you will not go until the Grand Lodge closes. If any Brother present will favor us with any remarks we shall be happy to hear from him. I understand that District Deputy Brother Hart is present, and I will introduce him to you.

R.W. Brother Hart responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,—After such eloquent speaking from the eminent speakers and members present, it would seem to be presumptuous for me to attempt to give utterance to any thoughts here; but, as one of your Deputies, it is my duty to obey when called upon by you, and I will endeavor to give utterance to a few thoughts. I heard a story the other day of the early history of the gold-fever and excitement in California. A band of men, who had gone there from the States seeking for gold, associated themselves, and were digging and delving together for gold, and being away from the influences of Christianity, they sought only to add to their wealth, forgetting the teachings of childhood and dismissing all thoughts of charity from their minds. They were away from the usual line of travel, but one day they saw a man coming down the hill in the distance, and wondered who it could be. They said, one to another, “It is some beggar, and he need not think of getting anything here.” He came in, set down his pack, and from the top of it appeared a bushy-headed child. He lifted it out of the pack; it was a girl. Their thoughts once more recurred to the States. They took it upon their knees and kissed it. They asked the father how he came there and how he happened to have that child with him. He said he started from Missouri with his wife, this child, two boys, and a babe, to seek his fortune in the gold regions. He was not many days out before he lost his wife and covered her up with stones. Two days after the babe died, and he travelled back to bury it beside the mother; and one after another the boys fell off, and he had arrived there with only this little girl. Their sympathies were excited; they gathered around the stranger and his child; they invited them to stay, and pressed upon them all the attention

that could be asked ; and they stayed there a week. The rough miners forgot their selfishness. They tarried longer in the tent ; they did not go out so early in the morning, and came home earlier in the evening ; back to them came the recollections of childhood ; they repeated verses of Scripture and scraps of poetry. The week soon passed away, and they were made more like civilized human beings ; and when the father told them he must go, they pressed upon him collections of gold-dust, amounting to several hundred dollars, although their receipts had fallen off thirty per cent. during the week, and they regretted exceedingly the departure of the father and child.

I have thought that human nature, complex as it may be sometimes, is often noble and lofty in some of its illustrations ; but I have doubt whether this world would be tolerable were it not for an All-Wise Being to guide us into the right paths. I learned early in life to love birds and flowers and children, and later in life to love the Cross of Christ, which has shed its light upon my way, and given me a peace that knows no measure.

“ In the Cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time ;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.”

So I learned to love the Church ; but later in life I became intimate with the Masonic Institution. After saying what I have, you cannot charge me with saying anything derogatory to the Church ; but I can say that I have seen more bitter quarrels in the Church than I have in the Masonic Institution. Get up a quarrel about a church choir, and you will see something more bitter than anything I have ever seen in a Masonic Lodge. And so an All-wise Father has given us the

Church, with its teachings of Jesus Christ, who has been so reverently alluded to here to-night, in this Christmas season; and besides that He has given us the Grand Old Masonic Institution, with its noble lessons of love and charity. And I say the civilization developed in the teachings of Jesus Christ is the same as that of the Masonic Institution. I thank Right Worshipful Brother Gardner for his motion to have a Centennial Celebration on the eighth of March next. We cannot too highly honor the members who declared the independence of this Grand Lodge, when the country was passing through its dark hours. I think we ought to honor them by more than a common celebration on the eighth of March next.

The Mystic Circle was formed, Old Hundred was sung, and thus were ended the interesting ceremonies of this Grand Feast.

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,
ABSTRACTS OF RETURNS OF LODGES, LODGES
IN MASONIC DISTRICTS, LIST OF LODGES
AND SECRETARIES, PAST OFFICERS AND
PERMANENT MEMBERS, AND ORGAN-
IZATION OF THE GRAND
LODGE FOR 1877.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Boston, December 1, 1876.

To PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Esq., *M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts*:—

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER,— I herewith submit a report of my doings, as D.D.G.M., for the year ending this day.

I have made various unofficial visits to the different Lodges, and have witnessed, with much pleasure, the work of the several degrees. I have granted four dispensations to confer degrees out of the regular order, two of which were entirely for the convenience of the Lodge, and two for that of the candidates. In the latter cases the Brethren were about to leave the country.

I have not had any exemplifications of the work in a District Deputy Grand Lodge from the fact that the officers in this District have such favorable facilities for instruction, and have been giving so much attention to the matter in their individual capacities, I did not deem it essential to incur the expense, or subject them to the necessary labor and expenditure of time.

I was sustained in this opinion by a large majority of the presiding Masters, to all of whom I submitted the question.

Once during the year I was obliged to warn the several Lodges against granting aid to a person evidently a Mason, but who, I was convinced, was not worthy of their charitable consideration.

In one case I refused to grant permission to confer the degrees upon an applicant, who was undoubtedly debarred by Sect. 4, of Art. III., of the Grand Constitutions.

In accordance with your special instructions I have visited JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, now working under Dispensation, and take pleasure in reporting the Brethren of that institution to be fulfilling their duty to the Grand Lodge, and to themselves, as Masons.

Following your instructions of Aug. 10, I issued suitable notices to the several Lodges, in regard to the new Trestle-Board, etc.

During the months of October and November I made my official visitations to the twelve Lodges composing the First District, in accordance with Sect. 10, of Art. VIII., of the Grand Constitutions. I shall not weary you with minor details of those visitations, but simply say, I was most courteously received by all the Lodges, each of which seemed desirous of showing its loyalty to the Grand Lodge by kindly attention to your representative.

Every facility was afforded me for a thorough examination of their Charters, By-Laws, and Records. But a single case in the Records demanded my disapproval. The Returns were all promptly rendered, and the amount due the Grand Lodge paid in every instance. These Returns show a falling off from last year of about fourteen per cent.; but this was to be expected when we consider the general depression in the business interests of the country, which has existed during the past year.

The work of the several Lodges is to be heartily commended. In some instances it has almost reached perfection. When we consider the short time that has elapsed since the ritual was established by the Grand Lodge, the proficiency displayed by the large corps of officers is remarkable. For details, regarding number of members, etc., I would respectfully refer you to my official Return of Lodges, forwarded this day to the R.W. Grand Secretary.

Owing to a family affliction I was obliged to delegate W. Brother Otis E. Weld, to visit Mount Lebanon Lodge, as my representative. This duty he ably performed, and his report to me was of the most satisfactory character.

In making my official visitations I have been accompanied

not only by the presiding Masters, but by a large number of those good men and prominent Masons with which this vicinity abounds, all of whom have lent their valuable aid to your humble servant, and given dignity to the occasion by their presence. I take this opportunity to thank them all for their thoughtfulness and consideration.

In doing this I trust others will pardon me, if I make special mention of W. Bro. Henry J. Parker, P.M. of Massachusetts Lodge, and Bro. Robert C. Nichols, of Columbian Lodge, who have attended me upon every visitation, and have rendered me especial service in the capacities of Secretary and Marshal of the delegation.

In closing my report allow me to return you my sincere thanks for appointing me to the responsible position of D.D.G.M., when perhaps others had a stronger claim upon your official consideration, and to express the hope that you have had no reason to regret your selection. If I have erred my errors have been those "of the head, and not of the heart."

I remain, sir, with feelings of profound respect, both official and personal,

Yours fraternally,

HENRY G. FAY,
D.D.G.M. First District.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Boston, November 28, 1876.

*To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of Masons in
Massachusetts : —*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor herewith to transmit to you my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District.

I have officially visited all the Lodges in the District, and have made the usual examinations required of the District Deputy. I have also visited most of them unofficially, being desirous of seeing them in their regular and every-day working

order, and it gives me pleasure to say that I have found them in satisfactory condition.

Undoubtedly the unsettled state of the country and the extreme depression in business have had their influence on the financial condition of the Lodges, restraining many from availing themselves of the benefits of the Institution who would otherwise have done so, and also making it difficult for many worthy and deserving members to meet promptly their annual assessments; consequently the number of initiates has not been quite as large as in some former years. Still, the amount I am able to return to the Grand Lodge is somewhat in excess of last year. There is a gratifying degree of harmony in all the Lodges in the District, and I have everywhere been received in the kindest and most courteous manner.

Much attention is being given to the work, and in this respect there is a marked improvement in all the Lodges; and in quite a number the work appears to be as nearly perfect as it will be possible to attain.

I have kept constantly in mind your wishes in relation to granting dispensations for conferring the degrees out of course, and have withheld them except when the circumstances seemed to demand a deviation from the established rule. During the year four such cases have occurred.

In obedience to your instructions, at a regular meeting of Henry Price Lodge, W. Bro. Geo. E. McKay officiating, I formally healed Caleb Page and James Barnes.

During the year the Lodges in the Charlestown District of Boston, acting in conjunction with the other Masonic Bodies, have leased and furnished new Masonic apartments in the Savings Bank Building on Thompson Square. The new apartments are fitted up in a most tasteful, substantial and convenient manner, and will compare favorably with any in the State.

Recognizing my obligation for the repeated marks of confidence you have reposed in me, and realizing my inefficiency for the important work with which you have entrusted me, I beg to tender you my sincere thanks for the forbearance and uniform

kindness I have ever received at your hands, and assure you that I shall cherish my association with the most pleasant remembrance.

Fraternally yours,

FRANCIS CHILDS,

D.D.G. Master Second Masonic District.

THIRD DISTRICT.

EAST BOSTON, November 27, 1876.

*To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts : —*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — With pleasure I submit to you, in accordance with my duty, a report of my doings as District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District, as I can only speak in praise of the Lodges within my jurisdiction. I have officially, and with a full suite, visited the twelve Lodges, and feel intense satisfaction in reporting that harmony and loyalty prevail in the highest degree among the Brethren.

As the representative of the Grand Lodge I have been uniformly received with respect, and shall in the future have the pleasantest recollections in connection with my official duties during the past year.

While perfect fraternity and fealty to the Order have existed, the amount of work accomplished has not equalled that of previous years, attributable, doubtless, to the depression in almost all departments of business, and the absorption of public interest in the pending national election.

I have found the Lodges working the ritual in an admirable manner, for which great credit is due my efficient and faithful predecessor, R.W. Charles J. Danforth, who devoted much time to the exemplification of the work which was so wisely adopted last year as a uniform ritual by the Grand Lodge.

Owing to the commendable attention given by all the Lodges to the work and lectures, through these earnest labors of Bro. Danforth, and to the fact that the Brethren in this District

enjoy such facilities for instruction in the ritual, I have not deemed it at all necessary to call the Lodges together for a District exemplification.

I have granted dispensations in but few instances, and those for the usual reasons, — when an individual was to leave the city, or in order to facilitate the work and avoid the expense of a special meeting during the vacation.

I was gratified to find the Charters in a good state of preservation, the By-Laws approved, and the Records faithfully kept, being always neat, and in the use of language plain and to the point.

The unqualified praise bestowed upon the Worshipful Masters and Officers by my predecessor I most cordially adopt and repeat in this report. I feel that I ought not to close without expressing in some slight degree my great obligations to the Brothers composing my suite for their earnest assistance in all my labors. My thanks are due to each and all of them for their words of cheer, and for their fraternal co-operation, which will remain cherished in my heart in all coming time.

With heartfelt sentiments of joy for the prosperity and harmony which prevail within your entire jurisdiction, with gratitude to the Giver of all good for his kind protection and mercies, and with thanks to you for the honor which you conferred upon me in constituting me your representative in the Third Masonic District,

I am fraternally yours,

SETH C. AMES,

D.D.G. Master Third Masonic District.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

WESTVALE, MASS., Dec. 9, 1876.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, ESQ., *Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: —*

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — The honor with which you surprised me by appointing me your Deputy for the Fourth Masonic District is one that I shall cherish with grateful remem-

brance through all my life. In accepting your appointment I had many misgivings as to my fitness for the office, and am deeply conscious of some of my failings therein. I must acknowledge with gratitude the charitable consideration with which my services have been received by the Lodges; and I hope they may also meet your measured approval.

I have made a few unofficial visits to some of the Lodges during the year. At the request of the late Master of Charles A. Welch Lodge, W. Bro. John Hickland, I publicly installed the officers of that Lodge. Just three months afterwards I followed his remains to their last resting-place. This event was a sad loss to that young Lodge.

The Grand Leveller has laid low the Master of another Lodge in my jurisdiction (Belmont). Though I had not known Worshipful Brother Charles E. Chenery in life it was my sad privilege to look upon his face in death.

By your courtesy I was present at the Constitution of Fraternity Lodge in Newtonville, which has been working under Dispensation for the past year.

The other eleven Lodges in the District I visited with a full suite. I found the Charters carefully and well preserved. The approved copy of the By-Laws was presented in every instance save one, and in that case I was informed that the Secretary had it at his house. The Records of most of the Lodges were very neatly, fully and properly kept.

The dues to the Grand Lodge were in every instance paid at the time of my visit.

The Quarterly Proceedings of the Grand Lodge were found in most of the Lodges, and, when not there, were accounted for by the fact that they had been loaned to some Brother.

A copy of the Grand Constitutions was found in each Lodge, but the ignorance of its requirements manifested by the officers of several of the Lodges forced me to quote from the impressive installation ritual of the Master, — "The Book of Constitutions you are to search at all times. Cause it to be read in your Lodge, that none may pretend ignorance of its requirements."

It would seem that there need be no difficulty in making out

fully the Returns of each Lodge, as the blanks specify so plainly what is required ; but a complete Return I found the exception and not the rule.

The specimens of work, except in two cases, were highly creditable to the officers, and these exceptions, I feel confident, will not require to be made next year. There is evidently a settled purpose in all the Lodges to be up to the full standard of the Grand Lodge, and several in the District have nearly if not quite attained to it.

There has been no exemplification of the work in the District, so far as I am informed, during the year, except that, at the request of Monitor and Isaac Parker Lodges of Waltham, R. W. Bro. Waterman exemplified the third degree, on which occasion I had the pleasure of being present. Upon inquiry I have not found any special desire for a general exemplification. The Lodges in Newtonville have organized a Lodge of Instruction, and some of the Masters and members of other Lodges have joined one in Boston. I feel that in the proper use of the means now afforded for acquiring the work and lectures there will be no necessity for an exemplification in the Fourth District. These Lodges of Instruction and Sodality Meetings, with occasional visits of the officers to other Lodges, present all the opportunities required.

I have granted no dispensations.

An examination of the Returns of the previous year reveals the fact that while there is a decrease of work in some of the Lodges, the increase in others makes the amount of work in the district nearly 17 per cent. in excess of last year's work ; and the rejections have been in even larger proportion. The number discharged from membership has been nearly three times as great as in the previous year, and the number of deaths more than three times as great, yet the membership has increased more than $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

I should not omit to allude to the fact that my predecessor, R.W. George F. Homer, is one of those who have entered "that undiscovered country, from whose bourn no traveller returns."

I am under special obligations to the Deputy Grand Master, and the D.D.G. Master of the First District, for marked acts of kindness, as well as to the Recording Grand Secretary, whose patience is inexhaustible; to W. Bro. Henry F. Smith, who attended me as Grand Marshal in all my official visits, and to other Brethren who have frequently formed a part of my suite. I also acknowledge my obligations to the Lodges and Brethren for the fraternal and hospitable welcome they have extended to me and my suite. The special attentions and civilities which I have received at various times, and on occasions other than my official visits, I attribute to my office, yet I can never forget the Brethren at whose hands I received them.

And now, Most Worshipful Grand Master, with renewed thanks to yourself for the opportunity to enjoy these seasons of delightful fraternal intercourse, with increased regard for our beloved Order and best wishes for its continued prosperity, I have the honor to submit the foregoing report.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

EDWARD C. DAMON,
D.D.G. Master Fourth District.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

LYNN, December 1, 1876.

To- PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Esq., *M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,— I herewith submit my report as Acting District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifth Masonic District.

I have officially, as the representative of R.W. Geo. F. Breed, visited all the Lodges in the District, with the exception of Philanthropic Lodge, of Marblehead (which has surrendered its Charter), and have been most kindly and masonically received.

The Lodges are all in a good, healthy, flourishing condition;

all the officers giving strong proof of a desire to perfect themselves in the work, as established by the Grand Lodge.

I feel that the Lodges, relying upon themselves and such assistance as they could command, have so far succeeded as to present in their work most gratifying results.

I have granted two dispensations to confer the degrees out of the regular course.

I found the Charters well-preserved, carefully kept, and in their proper places, and the By-Laws properly approved; the Records full and complete, and the annual Returns fully made up and ready to be delivered to me on my visitations.

At every visitation I have been attended by a full suite, and we were cordially and hospitably received and entertained. To those who have so kindly accompanied and assisted me in the discharge of my official duties, I desire to return thanks.

Grateful for the honor conferred on me, and for the opportunity of thus pleasantly forming the acquaintance of so many noble and true Masons of the Fifth Masonic District,

I am very truly and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM C. MAXWELL,

Acting D.D.G. Master of Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

NEWBURYPORT, December 5, 1876.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR, — I herewith submit my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth Masonic District.

In compliance with the requirements of the Grand Constitution I have officially visited every Lodge in the District, and made personal inspection of their Charters, Records, and By-Laws, witnessed their work, and on several occasions, by special invitation, installed their officers; and am happy to say that they are prosperous and harmonious, and show an increased interest in the beautiful principles of our Order.

One hundred initiates are returned this year against ninety-three last year, notwithstanding the long-continued hard times and financial depression.

The work as witnessed is, with but few exceptions, fully up to the standard adopted by the Grand Lodge ; and in several of the Lodges it has given me great pleasure to commend it. I have recommended to some of the Lodges more frequent meetings for rehearsal of the work and lectures, thus acquiring a familiarity which enables it to be more impressively rendered.

A Lodge of Instruction has been formed in Lawrence under your authority ; they notify me of each meeting, and I judge by the report that it is doing a good work.

Absence from the country for a few months postponed a contemplated exemplification of the work early in the season, and, later, political affairs engrossed the attention, so that it did not seem desirable.

In one Lodge the examination of the Records developed the fact, that the Master and Wardens were unwilling to recommend a candidate previously rejected by the Lodge, but failed to notify the Grand Lodge, or the District Deputy, as provided in the Grand Constitutions.

Several Lodges have interchanged visits the past year, which have been conducive of much improvement, and of great advantage to the Craft.

Where the circumstances have seemed to justify I have granted dispensations to confer the several degrees out of course.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge my indebtedness to the Brethren who, as members of my suite, have accompanied me on my visitations, and specially to R.W. Past Grand Master Charles C. Dame, whose devotion to the Order and experience in official stations has enabled him to render me valuable assistance and advice.

Thanking you for the honor of the appointment, and hoping that my endeavors to discharge its duties will meet your approbation,

I remain, yours truly and fraternally,

WARREN CURRIER,
D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

LOWELL, December 8, 1876.

To PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — Having once more completed the round of official visitations to the nine Lodges comprising the Seventh District, I now have the honor of submitting my second Annual Report.

On every occasion my intercourse with the Brethren in the different localities has been exceedingly pleasant, and everywhere I have been received and entertained with cordiality, courtesy, and hospitality.

Speaking in general terms, it is fair to say that there has been a marked improvement in the work of the three degrees since last year. But in some cases success in this respect is much more apparent than in others. In some Lodges the ritual seems so familiar that one would hardly suppose that only recently a different phraseology had been equally familiar; while there are other instances where there is still a perceptible mental conflict resulting from an effort to substitute the revised for the former modes of expression. Much credit is due the officers of the various Lodges for the careful attention and study which they have evidently given in order to acquire skill in this important department of their Masonic work.

It has been my habit to speak with considerable earnestness in urging the Masters and other officers to see to it that the candidate is well instructed and “duly” prepared in at least a portion of the lecture of one degree before receiving the next, believing this to be the most effectual mode by which bright and intelligent Masons are to be made. My suggestions in this regard have been courteously and uniformly heeded.

With a single exception the Lodges in this District are, financially, in good condition. In *all* of them the dues have been paid in full; and it gives me great pleasure to remark that the total amount of my receipts exceeds by a little the amount which

I had the honor of handing to the Grand Treasurer last year. This fact has awakened in my own mind a pleasant surprise, since, owing to the financial depression in the community, there was reason to fear a falling off from the amount of receipts of former years.

In accordance with your instructions, I ordered an exemplification of the work and lectures of the three degrees to take place in Masonic Hall, Lowell, Dec. 7, 1876, for the benefit of all the Lodges in the District, under the immediate direction of R.W. William F. Salmon. Every Lodge was represented, much critical interest was manifested, and great credit is due the Brethren who sustained the labor of this Official Exemplification so faithfully and so well.

On the occasion of nearly every visitation I have invited contemporary Masters and experienced Brethren to join my staff, for the pleasure of whose society I hereby make acknowledgments.

Thanking you for the confidence and esteem implied in appointing me a second time to this post of duty, and desirous of expressing my wishes for your personal prosperity, I have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servant and Brother,

SOLON W. STEVENS,
D.D.G. Master Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

SHELburnE FALLS, Dec. 12, 1876.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :—

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BROTHER, — In the discharge of the official duties incumbent on me as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District, I have the pleasure of submitting the following report : —

My first official act was to organize a District Deputy Grand

Lodge at Greenfield, for the exemplification of the work and lectures of the three degrees, under the direction of W. Chas. M. Avery, Grand Lecturer. Nine of the eleven Lodges in the District were represented.

The results of this meeting are manifest in the greater perfection and uniformity of the work in the several Lodges which availed themselves of its benefits,—inspiring them with an abiding faith in the stability of the work, the lack of which, in the past, has been one of the greatest drawbacks Masonry has had to contend with. May we not confidently hope that the changes and innovations which have been constantly creeping in, in times past, may be avoided in the future, and that what is this year accepted by the builders as perfect work, is not, in the next, to be cast among the rubbish of the temple as unfit for use; thus demonstrating the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in changing the mode by which these results are attained.

I have visited officially all of the Lodges in the District, and am happy to say that in all, save one, the utmost harmony and brotherly love prevail. In the one exceptional case I trust that a better understanding of the practical application of the tenets of our profession will restore that harmony which is so essentially necessary to the prosperity and usefulness of the Lodge. I am also gratified to note the growing desire of the Lodges to perfect themselves in the work, which speaks well for the future of Masonry in the Eighth District. I have endeavored to impress upon them the importance not only of accuracy and exactness in the language used, but to so render it as to impress upon the candidate the dignity and high importance of Masonry.

The Charters throughout the District are carefully preserved, the By-laws generally bearing the Grand Lodge Seal. The Records are uniformly well kept; in some instances, however, there is a lack of minuteness, while others exhibit an elaborateness of detail which is highly commendable, thus rendering them of greater value for future reference. I have been solicited to issue but few dispensations to confer degrees out of the usual course, all of which seemed to be cases of necessity.

In closing, I desire to express my grateful acknowledgments to those Brethren who so kindly volunteered to assist me in the discharge of my official duties; to the Lodges for their cordial reception and hospitable entertainment; and to you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the honor conferred. I am, with the kindest regards,

Yours fraternally,

JONAS K. PATCH,
D.D.G.M. Eighth District.

NINTH DISTRICT.

PITTSFIELD, Nov. 29, 1876.

*To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., Grand Master of Masons in
Massachusetts: —*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR, — I have the honor of making this my first annual report of the condition of the Lodges composing the Ninth Masonic District.

In compliance with the requirements of the Grand Constitution, I have made an official visit to each of the twelve Lodges in this District, and, as your representative, have been in every instance most kindly and masonically received.

In each of the Lodges I have carefully examined the Charter and Records, and witnessed their work. I find all the Charters in a good state of preservation. The Records of a number of the Lodges are remarkably well kept, and are models of neatness, style and accuracy; while in others, through the inexperience of the Secretaries and from lack of good models, they (in point of neatness and style) vary from indifferent to bad.

The work in four of the Lodges was in conformity to the established ritual of the Grand Lodge, and was rendered in a manner deserving high praise. In others an effort had been made to acquire the work as now rendered, with variable, and in some cases, indifferent success; while in two, evidently, no special effort had been made to conform to the present ritual.

My visits were all made during the excitement of the political campaign. For this cause, and from the fact that most of the Lodges had been doing but little work, the attendance on the evenings of my visits was in nearly all cases much smaller than I desired.

The interest manifested by the officers of all the Lodges was such as to warrant the assertion that they are in good hands, and with a reasonable amount of work will maintain their interest. They are all in a good, healthy condition. My criticisms and suggestions were in every case very kindly received.

By the Returns you will see that the amount of work by Lodges in this District is very much less than last year, the number of Initiates being as 46 to 82; two Lodges having none. This is largely owing to the extreme business depression, necessitating among business men a large reduction in salaries and the cutting off all unnecessary expenditures.

I have granted no dispensations to confer degrees out of the usual course. Dispensations were granted to three Lodges in the town of Adams to appear in public, Oct. 10, on the occasion of a visit of Berkshire Commandery, K. T., to their town.

By virtue of your Warrant of Oct. 20, I convened the Lodges of the District at Masonic Hall, in Pittsfield, on Tuesday, Nov. 14, for the purpose of exemplification of the work. All the Lodges, except one, were represented by a good delegation of officers and members. The several degrees were exhibited by Berkshire Lodge of South Adams, and Greylock and Lafayette Lodges of North Adams. W. Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer, was present, and made such corrections and suggestions as were necessary. At the close of the day's labors it was unanimously voted: "That it is desirable to have the degrees exemplified in the District next year."

Thanking you for the high honor of an appointment to so important a position, and trusting that my labors and acts will meet your approval, I remain,

Truly and fraternally yours,

H. S. RUSSELL,

D.D.G. Master Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH DISTRICT.

SPRINGFIELD, November 28, 1876.

*To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., Most Worshipful Grand Master of
Masons in Massachusetts : —*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor to present herewith my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, together with the Returns of the various Lodges.

I have officially visited each Lodge in the District, witnessed some portion of the work in each, and carefully inquired into its condition and prospects.

While the unsettled state of business has somewhat retarded the progress of Masonry, yet the outlook is encouraging in our District, and Masonry is still far in advance of other organizations. Where now are eleven flourishing Lodges, a little more than a quarter of a century ago there existed but two. Had it made such progress in all parts of the world, how great and beneficent would be its sway !

The officers of the Lodges have shown commendable industry and zeal in learning the revised ritual. In three instances the proficiency was most notable, but all had improved very much since my last report. In conformity with your suggestions I have called the attention of the Brethren to the new Trestle-Board issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

By virtue of your official Warrant I caused the ceremony of "healing" to be performed within the body of Roswell Lee Lodge, upon Nicholas Reed, 2d, a clandestine Mason. I have called the attention of the Brethren to the importance of exercising great care in the recommendation of candidates.

On March 9th I had the honor to represent the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the dedication of the new Masonic apartments of Hampshire Lodge, at Haydenville, being assisted by Right Worshipful Brother Sawin, Brothers Spooner, Weaver, Hall, and others. The generous donation of the Grand Lodge, together with the contributions of the Brethren, has enabled

this stricken Lodge to again sit under its own "vine and fig-tree," and will not soon be forgotten. I must not forget to mention the munificence of Right Worshipful Brother Sutton, who has recently remembered them in a beautiful set of jewels.

The following table will show the condition of the Lodges in the District, as compared with the previous year:—

LODGES.	Number of Members.		Increase.	Decrease.	Number of Initiates.		Increase.	Decrease.	Present at Official Visit.	Average Attendance.
	1875	1876			1875	1876				
Jerusalem	237	215	. .	22	11	9	. .	2	40	41
Hampden	379	346	. .	33	34	12	. .	22	67	26
Ohicopee	184	194	10	. .	8	13	5	. .	61	47
Mount Tom	197	209	12	. .	20	11	. .	9	61	. .
Mount Moriah	214	226	12	. .	6	9	3	. .	23	33
Roswell Lee	283	322	39	. .	23	31	8	. .	64	45
Huntington	93	97	4	. .	10	6	. .	4	40	21
Ionic	125	132	7	. .	10	10	. .	. .	74	30
Mount Holyoke	63	61	. .	2	4	1	. .	3	. .	. .
Belcher	72	80	8	. .	8	9	1	. .	66	22
Hampshire	57	59	2	. .	5	6	1	. .	32	26
Totals	1,904	1,941	37	. .	144	117	. .	27		

In September, by your kind permission, the work was exemplified in Masonic Hall, Springfield, under the direction of Brother Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer. The Lodges were all represented by three officers, and a large number of the Brethren, making it a season of interest and profit to all.

I have granted but two dispensations to confer the degrees out of the regular course; urgency in these cases seemed to demand it.

I again thank the Brethren of my suite who, for a second time, have accompanied me in my journeys, and have greatly aided me in the performance of my duties.

To Right Worshipful Brother Titus, Recording Grand Secretary, whose praise is to be heard in all the Lodges, I am deeply indebted for many kind favors.

Returning you my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, in this appointment, assuring you it will ever be a pleasant memory that I have been permitted to serve in this capacity, and most respectfully declining a reappointment,

I remain, very truly and fraternally yours,

JOHN E. SHIPMAN,
D.D.G.M. Tenth Masonic District.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

WORCESTER, December 1, 1876.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor herewith to submit the Returns of the Eleventh District for the year past. And in closing the record it is with much satisfaction that I am able to make so favorable a report; for with the general depression in business and social circles it was expected that we, as an Association, would correspondingly feel the effects of such wide-spread apathy.

There has not been quite as much work done as in the preceding year. It is not in the amount of work that our strength lies.

On January 18, I opened in this city, with your permission, a D.D. Grand Lodge for the purpose of exemplifying the three degrees, under the direction of W. Bro. Chas. M. Avery, G. Lecturer, to which were invited the officers of the Lodges in this District. It was a meeting of enjoyment, and I trust one of profit, for in my annual visitation it was clearly perceptible that there was an increased interest manifested among the Brethren, and a proper spirit of emulation among the officers.

I have granted one dispensation for the conferring of degrees in a shorter time than required by the Constitutions, and for the reason that the necessity of the case seemed to demand it.

My visits have been a continuation of pleasure to me, because of the renewing of the friendships formed last year. I was made to feel that my presence was welcomed by the Brethren, and found a universal spirit of loyalty to the Grand Lodge.

I have felt obliged, in a few instances, to excuse the Lodges from exemplifying the work. This fact has given me more cause for reflection than all other matters, and I trust that like circumstances will not occur again. I believe it is one of the most important duties of the District Deputy that he should witness the work at his visitations, and have tried to leave this impression with the officers who have been excused.

In closing my report for the year, it is very gratifying to so heartily believe that unanimity and concord, which are so essentially necessary to our prosperity, prevail in and among the several Lodges.

Thanking you for the renewal of the honor conferred on me, together with your continued confidence,

I am, very fraternally yours,

CHARLES W. MOODY,
D.D.G.M. Eleventh Masonic District.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

MILLBURY, December 9, 1876.

*To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of Masons in
Massachusetts: —*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have already forwarded you the Returns, showing the amount of work done by the Lodges in the Twelfth District during the past year. I have officially visited them all, except ALPHA LODGE, in South Framingham; this Lodge not being constituted until Nov. 13, as you are well

aware. I find them all to be in good working order, and generally interested in the welfare of the Craft. Several of the officers of different Lodges have, during the past year, spent a good deal of time obtaining correct instruction in the ritual, so that they have become very proficient. In most of the Lodges the Secretary has taken pains to fill out the Returns fully and in proper form.

There was not as full an attendance at the time of my visitations this year as last. I was, however, received very cordially, and renewed the very pleasant acquaintance previously begun. The Records of the different Lodges are neatly kept, and the Charters carefully guarded. I think more attention ought to be paid to the reading of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge by the Brethren of the different Lodges. If they would only become more acquainted with its teachings, most of the irregularities that are every year brought before the Grand Lodge for adjustment would be avoided. I have, at the request of the Masters, installed the officers of three of the Lodges; on one occasion the ceremony was public. I have granted two dispensations to confer degrees out of the regular course, circumstances appearing to justify the same.

An exemplification of the work and lectures of the three degrees, under direction of W. Bro. Chas. M. Avery, was held at Masonic Hall, Milford, Dec. 6, 1876. The Lodges were all represented, and the Brethren received much profit and instruction. To the Brethren who have so kindly accompanied me during the past season I desire to express my sincere thanks. In conclusion allow me to thank you, sir, for the renewed expression of confidence in my appointment for a second year to this important trust, and for the courtesy and kindness which I have always received at your hands.

Very respectfully and fraternally yours,

IRVING B. SAYLES,

D.D. Grand Master Twelfth Masonic District.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

NORWOOD, December 22, 1876.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor to submit herewith my third annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

I have, during the past year, officially visited each of the fifteen Lodges in this District. I have, in each Lodge, made the usual examinations, and witnessed an exemplification of the work of one of the three degrees. I have received the Grand Lodge Returns from each Lodge, and transmitted the same to the Grand Treasurer.

By a dispensation granted by you a District Exemption was held in Masonic Temple, Boston, on Friday, Feb. 18, for the purpose of exemplifying the work of the three degrees in Masonry, for the instruction of the officers and members of this District. The work was performed under the direction of Grand Lecturer W. Bro. Charles M. Avery ; the first and third degrees by the officers of Orient Lodge, of Norwood, and the second degree by the officers of Paul Dean Lodge, of North Easton. These officers deserved, and I think they unanimously received from all who were present, great credit for the proficiency shown in the work. I think it was conceded by all a successful and profitable occasion ; and I have no doubt, should another exemplification for the District take place, a larger number would avail themselves of the opportunity by being present. I think this system of exemplifying the work by Districts a great improvement over the old system, as it must have a stimulating effect among the Lodges to compete for the privilege of exemplifying the work. I have already realized favorable results in the work of the Lodges this year ; some of the Lodges, who were quite deficient three years ago, now rank among the first and are defying competition.

I am happy to report a general improvement in the work, and

a continued growing Masonic interest throughout this District. I have, as your representative, been respectfully and cordially received on every occasion. I believe nothing has transpired during my three years' service to disturb, in the least degree, the social harmony which seemed to prevail among the Lodges in the District.

On retiring from office I wish to return to the Brethren of this District, for their cordial welcome and support, my heartfelt thanks. I am under great obligations to them, and especially those who have accompanied me as members of my suite.

In conclusion, M.W. Grand Master, allow me to acknowledge my obligations to you for the honor conferred, and your continued confidence in me, and to congratulate you on the present condition of the Masonic Fraternity throughout this Commonwealth.

The following table will show the number of members and visitors present at my visitations, and the average attendance of the members during the past year : —

LODGES.	MEMBERS.	VISITORS.	TOTAL.	AV. ATTENDANCE.
Bristol . . .	33	6	39	46
King David . .	75	50	125	34
Rising Star . .	40	—	40	23
Saint Alban's .	40	23	63	20
Orient . . .	35	40	75	31
Blue Hill . . .	25	13	38	17
Saint James . .	34	4	38	24
Alfred Baylies .	44	22	66	32
Hyde Park . . .	47	57	104	33
Ionic . . .	22	5	27	20
Paul Dean . . .	50	30	80	20
Ezekiel Bates .	52	23	75	36
Constellation .	40	38	78	40
Charles H. Titus .	20	12	32	17
Norfolk . . .	27	16	43	30

I am, fraternally yours,

GEORGE L. RHOADS,

D.D.G. Master Thirteenth Masonic District.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

FALL RIVER, November 27, 1876.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — It was with great surprise, and doubts of my ability to discharge the duties of that position in a satisfactory manner, that I received your appointment to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District. But now, as the year is drawing to a close and an official report is in order, it gives me great pleasure to look over the record of the year, as all my experience and official connection with the several Lodges in this District, and with the officers of the Grand Lodge, has been in the highest degree satisfactory in every particular.

It being a maritime District, quite a number of applications for dispensations to confer the degrees at irregular times have been made ; and, although I have discouraged them as much as possible, yet it has been a real convenience and benefit, as well as my duty to the Lodges, to grant their requests. In every case but one, which was refused, the best of reasons were given.

The new Lodge, NARRAGANSETT, of Fall River, under Dispensation, the petition for which it was my first official duty as District Deputy to endorse, has conducted all its affairs very creditably ; and I see no reason why it should not soon take its equal place among the grand galaxy of Masonic Lodges in the Commonwealth.

I have made an official visit to every Lodge in the District, and, with one or two exceptions, find them in excellent condition ; the Charters, Records, and By-Laws well-preserved, correctly kept, and duly approved.

The abstract of Returns for this District will show that, in the midst of the depression of business, a greater amount of work has been done than usual ; and financially it is keeping step in the line of previous years, our dues to the Grand Lodge

being larger than in any year preceding. This increase, however, is to be credited to a few of the Lodges only, especially MOUNT HOPE of Fall River, which more than doubled its work, from which a falling off is anticipated for the coming year.

In each Lodge I have witnessed the work in some one of the degrees, and in most of them it was given with a proficiency that was very gratifying, and a zeal that was according to knowledge.

At UNION LODGE, Nantucket, I found 44 Brethren present, 35 members; among them seven noble old patriarchs over 75 years of age, the oldest being 92. Average attendance for the year, 30.

MARINE LODGE, Falmouth, present, 28; members, 19; average attendance, 15. The possession of the same hall and building that their grandfathers had before them is very pleasing to them.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, New Bedford, present, 98; members, 66; average attendance, 39. This Lodge, with EUREKA of the same city, has the best Lodge-rooms in the District.

MOUNT HOPE, Fall River, present, 60; members, 51; average attendance, 43. The fees for initiating and membership in this Lodge are about the same as others, but the annual dues are smaller than any other Lodge requires, being only two dollars a year including Grand Lodge tax.

EUREKA, New Bedford, present, 70; members, 35; average attendance, 27.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, Vineyard Haven, present, 16; members, 14; average attendance, 10. Will probably take more interest in the coming than in the past year, as they have had no work whatever to do.

PYTHAGOREAN, Marion, very stormy evening, present, 20; members, 20; average attendance, 21.

MAY FLOWER, Middleboro', present, 24; members, 21; average attendance, 21.

PIONEER, Somerset, present, 30; members, 26; average attendance, 14.

ORIENTAL, Edgartown, present, 14; members, 12; average attendance, 12. Most of its members seafaring men.

KING PHILIP, Fall River, present, 45 ; members, 36 ; average attendance, 34.

CONCORDIA, Fairhaven, present, 30 ; members, 24 ; average attendance, 24.

On the 22d of November, by authority from the Grand East, an exemplification of the work and lectures of our three degrees was given in Masonic Hall, New Bedford, under the direction of Worshipful Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer. The first degree, by MAY FLOWER LODGE, Middleboro' ; the second, by PIONEER LODGE, Somerset ; and the third, by STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, New Bedford ; all in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner. Eleven of the Lodges were represented. The attendance was large, and all were deeply interested in the work.

As much of the happiness of life comes by associating with the intelligent, agreeable, good and true people of the earth, so the discharge of or attention to the duties of this office brings its own great reward.

Please accept my thanks for the appointment to this honorable position. I would also acknowledge my obligations and tender my thanks to those who accompanied me on my official visits.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

ABRAHAM G. HART,

D.D.G. Master Fourteenth Masonic District.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

PROVINCETOWN, December 1, 1876.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts : —*

With pleasure I again address you for the purpose of submitting the third annual report of my doings as your representative, and of giving you the status of the Lodges comprising the Fifteenth Masonic District.

Familiarity with my duties has rendered them less arduous the past year than heretofore.

I have visited nine of the eleven Lodges placed under my care, and from representations am satisfied that the two not visited are performing their duties and maintaining the ancient landmarks creditably to themselves and the Grand Lodge. And I can include them when I say that the Charters of the Lodges in this District have been well-preserved, their Records faithfully and properly kept, and in most instances neatly and fully written.

But little instruction from me has been needed by the Secretaries, and that by the novices in the office.

The work in the majority of the Lodges will, I think, compare favorably with that of any in the State; and all show that marked improvement which enables me to say that at no previous time in my experience has the ritual been rendered by these Lodges with such correctness and conformity to instructions.

The Brethren have shown commendable zeal, and have striven, at great cost of time and money, to perfect themselves in the work; and I am exceedingly gratified with what they have accomplished.

Pursuant to a Warrant from you I convened the officers of the several Lodges of this District, at Masonic Hall, Provincetown, on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of December last, for the purpose of exemplifying the work and lectures as adopted by the M.W. Grand Lodge. Nine Lodges were well represented.

I opened a Deputy Grand Lodge, when W. Bro. Charles M. Avery assumed the East, and, with the assistance of the officers of KING HIRAM LODGE and the Brethren, performed the exemplification in a manner highly creditable to them and satisfactory to those present. The Brethren expressed themselves satisfied that the occasion was profitable to all.

I have, by request, installed the officers of JAMES OTIS LODGE and KING HIRAM LODGE.

Permit me to express the hope that, during the three years in which I have held this position, I have performed my duties acceptably to those whom I have had the honor to represent.

The seasons which I have spent with yourself and the officers

of the Grand Lodge will be remembered as bright spots in the pathway of my life.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, and the privilege enjoyed through this appointment, I most respectfully decline a reappointment.

I am, respectfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN W. ATWOOD,
D.D.G.M. Fifteenth Masonic District.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

BRIDGEWATER, December 1, 1876.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — In accordance with the requirements of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge I submit my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixteenth Masonic District.

I have, as your representative, officially visited all the Lodges in my District. The number of Lodges, since my visitations of last year, has been increased by the constitution of SATURN LODGE, of Scituate, making fourteen Lodges entrusted to my care.

Although it has been necessary for my suite and myself to travel many miles late at night, and encounter several severe storms in order to meet my appointments, we have, in every instance, been more than repaid for our trouble and inconvenience by the truly Masonic receptions given us, and our visitations have been most pleasant and satisfactory.

The Lodges, almost without exception, are in good condition, and fully enjoying and imparting those great benefits which our Brotherhood is designed to confer. The utmost harmony, concord, and brotherly love exist in the Lodges, and *between* the several Lodges of this District.

There has been an earnest effort to render the work strictly

in accordance with the ritual, and very marked progress has been made during the past year towards this end; and now, with very few exceptions, the work of the Lodges of the Sixteenth District is almost perfect, and those great moral principles which are taught in the work are so impressively and feelingly rendered that no Brother receiving them for the first time can ever forget them.

I have granted dispensations for conferring the degrees short of the usual time, in one or two cases, when the circumstances stated seemed to justify it.

Besides my official duties I had the pleasure of installing the officers of CORNER STONE LODGE.

I feel under great obligations to the Brothers who have so kindly accompanied and aided me in performing my official duties; and to the Brethren throughout the District for so cheerfully receiving and acting upon the suggestions and advice which it has been my duty to make and give.

Again thanking you for the honor you have conferred in appointing me to this position,

I am, with great respect, fraternally yours,

HOSEA KINGMAN,
D.D.G.M. Sixteenth Masonic District.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

MALDEN, November 16, 1876.

*To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in
Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER,—I herewith submit my second annual report of the Seventeenth Masonic District, and enclose an abstract of the Returns from the various Lodges.

A comparison of these Returns with those of last year shows an increase in the amount of work done, while the membership has been slightly reduced. This is accounted for in a great measure by the fact that Wyoming Lodge, of Melrose, has

given limits to a large number who have become members of KING CYRUS LODGE, of Stoneham, which is now working under Dispensation, and from which no Returns are received. In other respects there is no marked change calling for special notice.

I have visited officially every Lodge within the District, and all are in good working order. The officers and members seem to be earnest in their desire to have their work conform to the standard as established by the Grand Lodge; and there is a marked improvement over last year in its rendition.

In my visits, both official and otherwise, I have been received with the utmost cordiality and courtesy, as the representative of the Grand Master; and it gives me pleasure to note that there is a general kindly feeling pervading the Brotherhood throughout the District. Nothing has occurred during the year to mar the harmony which has prevailed; and while the Brethren are impressed with the importance of adhering strictly to all needful rules and regulations, they are not unmindful of the principles which underlie our Institution, and form the foundations on which we build.

Fraternally yours,

THEO. W. FOQUE,
D.D.G.M. Seventeenth Masonic District.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT. .

SOUTHBRIDGE, November 30, 1876.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — In assuming the duties devolving upon me, under your appointment and commission, it was not without many misgiving of my own ability to discharge those very important duties in a manner satisfactory to yourself, and to the best interests of the Craft.

I would willingly be spared the necessity of writing this communication to you, which must fall under the notice of critical eyes, and simply send you the results of the performance

of my official duties, as embodied in the returns of the several Lodges which you have given me authority to superintend. But fearing that I may be held censurable for apparent want of respect for the dignity of your official position, and of fraternal feeling as a Brother, I beg leave to say, that I have endeavored to perform the duties of my high office, faithfully, if not ably.

Indeed, such has been the harmony which has prevailed in the Lodges and among the members who compose the Lodges of the District, that I have had very little to annoy me, but very much to make my duties and intercourse agreeable.

I herewith submit my first official report; and here I would say that owing to serious and protracted illness, not of myself but of my family, which required my constant attendance from early in June until the latter part of October, my visitations were crowded into a late and short space, and, from inability to leave home to make distant visits, I felt authorized to deputize W. Bro. Geo. Robinson of Thomas Lodge, to visit officially Day Spring, Bethel, and Eden Lodges (of Monson, Enfield and Ware, respectively), who gives me an accurate report of the condition and manner of work, together with the prompt transmission of the Returns and Dues to the Grand Lodge; and I feel sure that he was as well and cordially received by those Lodges as I could expect to be myself.

In passing, I trust I may be permitted to express my lasting obligations to W. Bro. Robinson, for his kindness and generous assistance, and also express the hope that in taking this course I have done nothing in violation of my obligations as an officer, or the requirements of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

I have therefore to say that I have visited officially seven of the ten Lodges which comprise this Eighteenth District, and found in every case the Charter well preserved and vigilantly cared for, and the By-Laws properly approved, none of the latter of which are undergoing any alteration or amendment.

In all but one of the aforementioned Lodges, the work was, in the main well rendered, and showing evidence that they had

attended the exemplification of the work. I was informed by the W.M. of the Lodge to which allusion is made, that he had not been able to attend the exemplification, and, consequently, was not conversant with the revised work; but the errors which were pointed out, and the suggestions made, were kindly and fraternally received.

If there has been an apparent lack of interest, as might be inferred from the small attendance in some cases, it may be readily accounted for and excused by the reason of the unusual interest in the political campaign, and its uncertain results. Yet I most truly appreciate the courtesy and cordiality extended to me by the officers and Brethren of all the Lodges I have visited.

Of the three Lodges which were visited by W. Brother Robinson, I can but quote his language. Of the first he says: "I found the Lodge well situated, the Charter well preserved, the work well rendered, and the full attendance of the Brethren testifying their interest in the welfare of the Lodge."

Of the second: "I found the Brethren united and cordial. I took the liberty to advise them to call to their aid the services of a Grand Lecturer, that the work might be learned as now ordered by the M.W. Grand Lodge."

Third, "The very pleasant Lodge Room was doubly attractive in consequence of the brotherly love manifested by those present. Their surroundings and outfit, as well as their qualifications, are commendable."

I have endeavored to impress upon the Lodges the importance of exercising the utmost care and scrutiny into the character and qualifications of applicants for the degrees in Masonry, and that the question should be, "Why should he be *received* into our Order?" rather than, "Why should he be *rejected*?"

I am urged to this view from the fear, that in our eagerness to secure funds for the furnishing and support of our Lodges, without increasing our individual assessments, we are making Masons too fast, and in our zeal to increase our membership, may be jeopardizing our revered Institution.

I have not applied for a Warrant for the exemplification of

the work, for the reason that this was done late last November under my predecessor in office.

Two Lodges have desired a dispensation to confer the degrees out of the regular order, and as the facts as certified seemed fully to warrant it, I deemed it proper to grant the dispensations.

To the Brethren who have so kindly accompanied me and assisted in the discharge of my official duties, I hold myself under great obligation.

Thanking you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me, but believing that the interests of the District and of the Craft will be better subserved by the appointment of some one nearer the centre of the District, I very respectfully decline a reappointment.

Yours truly and fraternally,

PLINY T. LITCHFIELD,
D.D.G.M. Eighteenth Masonic District.

CHILI DISTRICT.

Note by the Grand Secretary.

The official report of this District, from R.W. Rev. David Trumbull, D.D., the District Deputy, had not come to hand at the time of going to press.

CHINA DISTRICT.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, October 31, 1876.

Most Worshipful PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — My report of this year must be almost a duplicate of last year's report. The Returns will show that the amount of work done has not been large; but it will, I believe, compare favorably with that done by any other

Lodge here. You will observe that the W.M. has been re-elected ; and I may mention that this was by an almost unanimous vote. Every elected officer was elected on the first ballot ; and I venture to express the opinion that this is not to be attributed to apathy, inasmuch as there was an unusually large attendance of members.

On the 17th of September, assisted by W.P.M. Bro. Hjousberg and some thirteen or fourteen Past Masters, I installed the Worshipful Master and other officers, and the whole proceedings were characterized by harmony and good feeling.

The Records of the Lodge are carefully kept, and the Lodge finances are in a satisfactory condition.

Thanking you for your continued confidence in me,

I remain,

M.W. Sir, yours truly and fraternally,

ITHAMAR B. EAMES,

D.D.G.M. for China Masonic District.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Saint John's . . .	Boston.	7	7	9				4		6	355	11		7	
Saint Andrew's . . .	Boston.									1	36				
Massachusetts . . .	Boston.	3	3	3	2	2	1	4	2	3	220	7		3	
Columbian . . .	Boston.	10	7	7	1			2	3	4	317	6		7	
Mount Lebanon . . .	Boston.	17	16	14				1	4	2	316	15	1	14	
Germania . . .	Boston.	9	7	8						3	102	9		8	
Winslow Lewis . . .	Boston.	3	3	3						1	66	3		3	
Revere . . .	Boston.	9	9	9				2		1	204	9		9	
Joseph Warren . . .	Boston.	14	15	14	1			1	2	6	430	11		14	1
Aberdour . . .	Boston.	1	1	1				2		1	89	5		1	1
Eleusis . . .	Boston.	1	1	1				2			63	3			
Zetland . . .	Boston.	3	3	3	1					2	62	4		4	1
		77	72	72	5	2	1	18	11	30	2260	88	1	70	3

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

HENRY G. FAY, District Deputy Grand Master.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodges	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
King Solomon's . . .	Charlestown.	5	5	5	2			2		3	213	5	1	5	
Amicable . . .	Cambridgeport.	6	6	6		1		13		3	196	7			
Star of Bethlehem . . .	Chelsea.	8	12	11		4		7		3	248	8	1	11	
John Abbot . . .	Somerville.	5	5	3	1			8		2	205	11		3	
Henry Price . . .	Charlestown.	22	26	25	4	3		3		1	223	38		26	
Mount Olivet . . .	Cambridge.	3	7	7	2	2		1		1	107	10	1	7	
William Sutton . . .	Saugus.	2	2	3	1			1			75	3		5	
Robert Lash . . .	Chelsea.	6	6	6	1	1		1			64	8			
Faith . . .	Charlestown.	10	8	8		8		4		1	106	13		4	
Palestine . . .	Everett.	8	8	8	1			1		2	83	10		8	
		74	85	82	12	19		41		16	1520	113	3	69	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

FRANCIS CHILDS, District Deputy Grand Master.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismissed.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Washington . . .	Boston Highlands.	8	7	7	1			4		1	273	9		7	
Union . . .	Dorchester Dist.	3	3	3				2	2	3	184	4		3	
Mount Tabor . . .	East Boston.	15	13	13	8			1	7	7	290	17		13	
Saint Paul's . . .	South Boston.	8	7	7	3				4	2	228	4		2	
Baalbec . . .	East Boston.	4	4	3	2			1	22	3	130	6		3	
Gate of the Temple . . .	South Boston.	7	7	7	1				8	4	176	11		7	
Hammatt . . .	East Boston.	2	1		4			1	5	2	113	6			
Lafayette . . .	Boston Highlands.	1	1	1	2			3	2	1	105	2		3	
Adelphi . . .	South Boston.	19	19	19				17		1	94	16		19	
Eliot . . .	Jamaica Plain.	4	2	2						1	80	3		2	
Rabboni . . .	South Boston.	4	4	4	2						86	5		4	
Temple . . .	East Boston.	4	5	5	2			4	1	1	108	8		5	
		79	73	71	25			33	51	26	1867	91		68	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

SETH C. AMES, District Deputy Grand Master.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Corinthian . . .	Concord.	1	1	1				4	3	1	84	1		1	1
Meridian . . .	Natick.	15	17	16	8			2		1	176	20	1	17	1
Bethesda . . .	Brighton.	5	2	2						2	101	7			1
Monitor . . .	Waltham.	4	4	4				5		1	166	5		4	1
Pequossette . . .	Watertown.	7	7	7	2			2	5	1	120	9		7	1
Dalhousie . . .	Newtonville.	19	19	17	6			8		3	234	18			1
Belmont . . .	Belmont.	8	7	7	2				2		79	9		7	1
Isaac Parker . . .	Waltham.	2	2	2	6			1	6	3	86	2		2	1
Mizpah . . .	Cambridgeport.	5	5	5	1			2	6	3	122	4		5	
Beth-horon . . .	Brookline.	7	7	5				1		1	61	5		5	1
Charles A. Welch . .	Maynard.	11	12	13	6			3		1	53	14		13	1
		84	83	79	31			28	22	16	1282	94	1	61	10

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

EDWARD C. DAMON, District Deputy Grand Master.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Discontinued.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Reinstated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Masters' Diplomas.
Tyrian	Gloucester.	6	4	4	1			15	12	3	139	5	1	4	
Essex	Salem.	4	4	3	1			2	6	1	151	3	1	3	
Mount Carmel	Lynn.	7	4	5	1			2		2	193	8	1	6	
Jordan	Peabody.	5	5	5	5			3	7		136	5		4	
Liberty	Beverly.	5	3	3				1		1	155	2		5	
Ashler	Rockport.	6	5	5	3			1	17	1	149	1		1	
Amity	Danvers.	2	2	1				1		1	128	1		1	
Starr King	Salem.	3	3	3				2		1	127	5		3	
John T. Heard	Ipswich.	6	6	9	2			2			98	11		5	
Golden Fleece	Lynn.	6	6	6				4	8	1	146	8		6	
Acacia	Gloucester.	3	3	4	4			1	2		89	3			
Mosaic	Danvers.	2	5	6					2		60	5			
		55	50	54	17			34	54	10	1571	57	3	37	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

WILLIAM C. MAXWELL, Acting District Deputy Grand Master.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomae.	No. Past Master's Diplomae.
Saint John's . . .	Newburyport.	5	5	6	2			8	7	1	93	6	4		1
Merrimack . . .	Haverhill.	10	6	6	4				6		199	13	3		1
Saint Mark's . . .	Newburyport.	7	8	11	2			5	24	1	80	6	4	1	
Warren . . .	Amesbury.	6	8	8	1			1		1	178	10			
Saint Matthew's . . .	Andover.	6	7	6	1			9			97	8		6	
Grecian . . .	Lawrence.	18	19	19	10			2		4	266	22	2	24	1
John Hancock . . .	Methuen.	4	4	5	2			1			133	6			
Tuscan . . .	Lawrence.	10	12	12	9			3		2	220	14		6	1
Sagadahew . . .	Haverhill.	10	12	11	2			1	1		121	11			1
Charles C. Dame . . .	Georgetown.	1	1					2	1		113	1		1	1
Bethany . . .	Merrimac.	5	5	6	3				1		93	7		2	1
Phoenician . . .	Lawrence.	10	10	10				2		1	57	11		18	1
Cochichewick . . .	North Andover.	8	8	8	7			1		1	39	15		10	
		110	105	108	43			30	40	11	1689	190	13	68	7

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

WARREN CURRIER, District Deputy Grand Master.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Saint Paul	Ayer.	9	3	3				1		1	64	4		3	2
Aurora	Fitchburg.	8	8	7	6			2		1	221	7		7	
Pentucket	Lowell.	8	8	11	5			3		5	293	14	8	4	
Ancient York . . .	Lowell.	5	9	9	1			3		3	216	18		13	2
Trinity	Clinton.	8	10	10	4			2		2	166	13		10	
Caleb Butler . . .	Ayer.	5	4	5	2			3	5	2	96	9	1	13	
Charles W. Moore .	Fitchburg.	6	6	6	1					1	143	8		5	
Kilwinning	Lowell.	4	4	4							66	5			
William North . .	Lowell.	10	10	10	5			3	5	3	172	13	2	11	
		57	62	65	24			17	10	18	1437	91	11	66	4

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

SOLON W. STEVENS, District Deputy Grand Master.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Republican . . .	Greenfield.	5	5	2	2			1	6		188	8	1	2	1
Harmony . . .	Northfield.	7	5	5	2			2		1	74	6	2	7	1
Pacific . . .	Amherst.	6	6	4	1			4	12		95	9	2		1
Mountain . . .	Shelburne Falls.	3	3	3				4	6	1	70	4	3	3	1
Orange . . .	Orange.	10	12	10	10			1		2	173	13		10	1
Hope . . .	Gardner.	6	6	6	2			1		2	110	6		6	1
Star . . .	Athol.	5	5	6	4			4	1	1	87	8	1	6	1
Artisan . . .	Winchendon.	4	5	4	2				3	4	57	6		5	1
Morning Sun . . .	Conway.	4	4	3	1				1		61	6		3	1
Bay State . . .	Montague.	10	10	9	2			1			56	9			1
Athol . . .	Athol.	10	7	11	1			1		2	75	12		11	1
		70	68	63	27			19	29	13	1046	87	9	53	10

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

JONAS K. PATCH, District Deputy Grand Master.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Evening Star . . .	Lee.	10	10	4				4	2		66	4		10	1
Cincinnatus . . .	Great Barrington.	5	5	13	1			2	16	1	106	13		5	1
Wisdom . . .	West Stockbridge.	6	8	5	4			2		1	42	5		6	1
Mystic . . .	Pittsfield.	5	4	7	4			8	4	3	128	7		5	1
Lafayette . . .	North Adams.	1	2	5				3			151	7		1	1
Berkshire . . .	South Adams.	2	1	3				1		1	72	6		1	1
Globe . . .	Hinsdale.	2	2	2	1			3		3	47	2		2	1
Upton . . .	Cheshire.	4	5	6	3			2			43	6		4	1
Occidental . . .	Stockbridge.	4	4	5				1	4		39	5		4	
Williams . . .	Williamstown.	5	5	6	1			2			44	8		5	1
Greylock . . .	North Adams.	4	3	7	1			1			81	13		4	1
Crescent . . .	Pittsfield.			2							25	3			
		46	49	65	15			29	26	9	844	79		46	10

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL, District Deputy Grand Master.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	Place where Holding.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismissed.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Masters' Diplomas.
Jerusalem . . .	Northampton.	9	11	11	3	40		3		2	215	23	11	13	1
Hampden . . .	Springfield.	12	12	15	5	57		5		3	346	32	17	20	1
Chicopee . . .	Chicopee.	13	14	13	16	4		4			194	18	1	12	
Mount Tom . . .	Holyoke.	11	10	9	10			1		2	209	15	1	11	
Mount Moriah . . .	Westfield.	9	9	10	11			2		1	226	15	3		
Roswell Lee . . .	Springfield.	31	30	31	4	16		5		1	322	61	15	31	1
Huntington . . .	Huntington.	6	7	7	1	2		1			97	7		12	
Ionic . . .		10	10	9	5	2		1			132	10		11	1
Mount Holyoke . . .		1	1	1		1		2			61	1	1	3	1
Belcher . . .		9	9	9	2			1		1	80	10		6	1
Hampshire . . .		6	6	5	4			1		2	59	5		5	1
		117	119	120	61	122		26		12	1941	197	49	124	7

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

JOHN E. SHIPMAN, District Deputy Grand Master.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dinitied.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Morning Star . . .	Worcester.	7	8	8	7	4		1		2	933	8		8	
Mount Zion . . .	Barre.	9	8	9	2			5		2	97	9	2	7	1
Montacute . . .	Worcester.	3	6	7	6			6		3	328	11	1		
Webster . . .	Webster.	4	4	4	3	41		7		2	73	4	8		
Wildor . . .	Leominster.	5	4	4	1	2					119	9.		2	1
Oxford . . .	Oxford.	8	8	7	1			3			65	8		7	
United Brethren . . .	Marlborough.	4	4	4		5		6			108	6		4	
Doric . . .	Hudson.	6	5	5	4			6		2	145	9		5	
Athelstan . . .	Worcester.	8	15	15	6					1	227	17		17	
Saint Bernard . . .	Southborough.	1	1	1							45	2		1	
Quinsigamond . . .	Worcester.		1	2	1			1		1	35	3		2	
Spencer . . .	Spencer.	2	6	6	1	2					41	7		6	
		57	70	72	31	54		29		13	1616	93	11	59	3

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

CHARLES W. MOODY, District Deputy Grand Master.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diploma.	No. Past Master's Diploma.
Middlesex	Framingham.	6	6	6	3			6	3		93	11			
Montgomery	Milford.	14	13	13	6			1	15		198	13	9		
Olive Branch	Millbury.	4	6	6				3		2	111	7			
Solomon's Temple	Uxbridge.	3	3	6	2			1			152	7			
Franklin	Grafton.	7	8	9	3			1	2		87	11			
Blackstone River	Blackstone.	5	6	6	4			5			108	7	1		
John Warren	Hopkinton.	2	5	5				2	3	3	85	6			
North Star	Ashland.	3	3	3	1				8		85	4			
Mount Hollis	Holliston.	3	3	3	3			1	8	4	77	3			
Excelsior	Franklin.	4	4	4	4			1		1	65	4	1		
Siloam	Westborough.	5	7	7	2			1	4	3	87	9			
Charles River	West Medway.	8	7	7	1			3		1	52	7			
		64	71	75	29			25	43	14	1200	89	11		

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

IRVING B. SAYLES, District Deputy Grand Master.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Installed.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Bristol . . .	No. Attleborough.	5	4	5	2	7		1		1	134	9	1	6	1
King David . . .	Taunton.	5	6	6	1			1		3	290	9		9	
Rising Star . . .	Stoughton.	3	2	2	1	7		2		2	89	3			
Saint Alban's . . .	Foxborough.	1	1	1	3	8		5		1	124	2			
Orient . . .	Norwood.	8	7	7				4		1	110	11		6	1
Blue Hill . . .	Canton.	1	2	2	2						70	2			
Saint James . . .	Mansfield.	6	6	6	5	6		3			97	6		10	1
Alfred Baylies . . .	Taunton.	4	5	5				2		1	117	5		6	
Hyde Park . . .	Hyde Park.	5	4	5				7	5	1	112	6		5	
Ionic . . .	Taunton.	1	3	4		3					111	4		6	
Paul Dean . . .	North Easton.	6	5	3	4			2		1	87	3		12	1
Ezekiel Bates . . .	Attleborough.	4	4	2	4			1			92	4		6	
Constellation . . .	Dedham.	2	3	2	2			3	1	1	91	3		3	
Charles H. Titus . . .	Taunton.	1	1	1	2						52	1			
Norfolk . . .	Needham.	5	3	3				1			45	18		6	1
		57	56	54	26	31		32	6	12	1621	86	1	75	5

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

GEORGE L. RHOADS. District Deputy Grand Master.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Reinstated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Union	Nantucket.	3	3	3		1				2	104	4		6	
Marine	Falmouth.	5	5	5		4				1	41	5		12	
Star in the East	New Bedford.	11	10	13	15					3	324	14	5	9	
Mount Hope	Fall River.	29	35	37	20	25				9	266	37		30	1
Eureka	New Bedford.	7	8	8	4	5			1	2	201	10	1	12	1
Martha's Vineyard	Vineyard Haven.					14					40	1			
Pythagorean	Marion.	7	7	8	1						77	8		12	1
Oriental	Edgartown.	2	2	3						1	54	2		2	
King Philip	Fall River.	14	18	21	7	5				1	186	22	3	12	1
May Flower	Middleborough.	5	6	8	6	1				1	124	9		1	1
Pioneer	Somerset.	2	2	2	3						90				
Concordia	Fairhaven.	4	4	4	3						48	4			1
		89	100	110	59	55		16	1	20	1555	116	9	96	6

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

ABRAHAM G. HART, District Deputy Grand Master.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Installed.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Masters' Diplomas.
King Hiram	Provincetown.	5	5	5	2			2		5	192	12	1	5	1
Fraternal	Hyannis.	4	4	4	1	1		3		2	153	6			2
Social Harmony	Wareham.	6	6	5	4			1		2	74	5			
Mount Horeb	West Harwich.	3	3	3		14		1		1	136	6		7	
De Witt Clinton	Sandwich.	1	1	1				1			53	2			
Pilgrim	South Harwich.	4	4	4	4			3		2	120	2			1
James Otis	Barnstable.	2	2	2		4		1			65	2			1
Adams	Wellfleet.	3	4	6				1		1	119	7			1
Howard	South Yarmouth.	2	2	2				1		1	45	3		10	
Mariners	Cotuit.	1	1	1	1			1			53	3		6	
Saint Martin's	Chatham.	5	4	3				2			43	4		3	
		36	36	36	12	23		17		14	1053	52	1	31	5

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

JOHN W. ATWOOD, District Deputy Grand Master.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE. ■	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Old Colony . . .	Hingham.	5	8	9	2			3	1	1	99	8		9	1
Fellowship . . .	Bridgewater.	4	4	4	2					1	182	1			
Rural . . .	Quincy.	1	1	1						2	152	4			2
Corner Stone . . .	Duxbury.	3	3	3				3	2	1	73	4		5	
Norfolk Union . . .	Randolph.	8	7	9	1					2	79	9		6	
Orphan's Hope . . .	East Weymouth.	3	4	5				4		1	175	5		8	1
Plymouth . . .	Plymouth.	9	11	13	12			1		2	139	14		16	
Paul Revere . . .	Brockton.	2	2	2	1			2		1	234	2		2	
John Cutler . . .	Abington.	1	2	4				21		3	129	5		3	
Konohasset . . .	Cohasset.	5	5	4							74	7		4	
Delta . . .	Weymouth.	1	2	4	1						109	4		4	2
Puritan . . .	South Abington.	3	3	3	3			2			97	1		2	
Phoenix . . .	Hanover.										52				
Satuit . . .	Scituate.										24				
		45	52	61	24			36	3	15	1618	64		54	6

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

HOSEA KINGMAN, District Deputy Grand Master.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Hiram	Arlington.	10	6	6	3			6		3	152	6		4	
Putnam	East Cambridge.	12	12	11	2			4		3	134	13		11	
Mount Hermon	Medford.	7	8	8				2			156	9		8	1
Mount Horeb	Woburn.	6	7	5	2			4	2	4	130	8		5	1
Wyoming	Melrose.	9	9	9				24	7	3	168	9		9	1
Mount Vernon	Malden.	5	4	4	1			3	1	3	151	2		4	1
William Parkman	Winchester.	1	3	3	2			4			82	4		3	1
Charity	North Cambridge.	10	10	10	3			4	1	2	62	6		5	
Good Samaritan	Reading.	2	2	4	2			5	1		68	1		4	
Simon W. Robinson	Lexington.	2	1	1				2		1	51	3		1	
		64	62	61	15			57	12	19	1154	61		54	6

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

THEODORE N. FOQUE, District Deputy Grand Master.

EIGHTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Installed.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Thomas	Palmer.	11	11	11	4			5		1	111	12			
Bethel	Enfield.	4	2	2				3	3		55	2			
Quaboag	Warren.	11	11	11	2					3	109	13		15	
Quinebaug	Southbridge.	8	8	8	2			2	2	3	132	9			
Day Spring	Monson.	4	4	4	2						66	5		6	
Hayden	Brookfield.	8	5	5	2			5	1	3	94	5		3	
Eden	Ware.	1	1	1	2			2			94	2		12	
Vernon	Belchertown.				2			2			48				
Newton	Wilbraham.	8	7	6	1			4			77	6			
Anchor	Wales.	2	2	2	1						23	3			
		57	51	50	18			23	6	10	809	57		36	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

PLINY T. LITCHFIELD, District Deputy Grand Master.

CHILI MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Bethesda*	Valparaiso.	8	16	5	4			3		5	117	8		3	
Aconcagua	Valparaiso.	5	6	2				4		1	45	4		2	
		13	22	7	4			7	1	6	162	12		5	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

DAVID TRUMBULL, District Deputy Grand Master.

* The figures for Bethesda Lodge are given as reported for 1875.

CHINA MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Ancient Landmark . .	Shanghai.	6	6	4	1			6	1		47	8		4	
		6	6	4	1			6	1		47	8		4	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodge.

Attest:

ITHAMAR B. EAMES, District Deputy Grand Master.

RECAPITULATION.
FROM THE RETURNS OF LODGES COMPOSING THE SEVERAL MASONIC DISTRICTS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, A.L. 5876.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
District No. 1	77	72	72	5	2	1	18	11	30	2,260	83	1	70	3
" 2	74	85	82	12	19		41		16	1,520	113	3	69	
" 3	79	73	71	25			33	51	26	1,867	91		68	
" 4	84	83	79	31			28	22	16	1,282	94	1	61	10
" 5	55	50	54	17			34	54	10	1,571	57	3	37	
" 6	110	105	108	43			30	40	11	1,689	130	13	68	7
" 7	57	62	65	24			17	10	18	1,437	91	11	66	4
" 8	70	68	63	27			19	29	13	1,046	87	9	53	10
" 9	46	49	65	15			29	26	9	844	79		46	10
" 10	117	119	120	61	122		26		12	1,941	197	49	124	7
" 11	57	70	72	31	54		29		13	1,616	93	11	59	8
" 12	64	71	75	29			25	43	14	1,200	89	11	97	6
" 13	57	56	54	26	31		32	6	12	1,621	86	1	75	5
" 14	89	100	110	59	55		16	1	20	1,555	116	9	96	6
" 15	36	36	36	12	23		17		14	1,053	52	1	31	5
" 16	45	52	61	26			36	3	15	1,618	64		54	6
" 17	62	62	61	15			57	12	19	1,154	61		54	6
" 18	57	51	50	18			23	6	10	809	57		36	
Chili District	13	12	7	4			7	1	6	162	12		5	
China District	6	6	4	1			6	1		47	8		4	
Lodges under Dispensation	52	51	51											
Total	1,307	1,233	1,360	481	306	1	523	316	284	26,292	1,662	123	1,173	88

TABLES OF MASONIC DISTRICTS, FOR 1877.

GIVING THE NAME OF EACH LODGE, DATE OF CHARTER, LOCATION,
AND THE MONTH OF ANNUAL ELECTION FOR 1877.

DISTRICT No I.—BOSTON.

R.W. HENRY G. FAY, BOSTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
SAINT JOHN'S . . .	1733 . .	Boston . . .	November
SAINT ANDREW'S . .	1756 . .	Boston . . .	November
MASSACHUSETTS . .	1770 . .	Boston . . .	December
COLUMBIAN . . .	1796 . .	Boston . . .	December
MOUNT LEBANON . .	1801 . .	Boston . . .	December
GERMANIA . . .	1855 . .	Boston . . .	November
WINSLOW LEWIS . .	1856 . .	Boston . . .	November
REVERE . . .	1857 . .	Boston . . .	December
JOSEPH WARREN . .	1857 . .	Boston . . .	December
ABERDOUR . . .	1861 . .	Boston . . .	November
ELEUSIS . . .	1865 . .	Boston . . .	December
ZETLAND . . .	1868 . .	Boston . . .	December
JOSEPH WEBB (U.D.)	— . .	Boston . . .	—

DISTRICT No. II.—CHARLESTOWN.

R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS, CHARLESTOWN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
KING SOLOMON'S . .	1783 . .	Charlestown . .	October
AMICABLE . . .	1805 . .	Cambridgeport .	December
STAR OF BETHLEHEM.	1845 . .	Chelsea . . .	November
JOHN ABBOT . . .	1858 . .	Somerville . . .	September
HENRY PRICE . . .	1859 . .	Charlestown . .	October
MOUNT OLIVET . . .	1864 . .	Cambridge . . .	November
WILLIAM SUTTON . .	1867 . .	Saugus . . .	December
ROBERT LASH . . .	1867 . .	Chelsea . . .	November
FAITH . . .	1869 . .	Charlestown . .	December
PALESTINE . . .	1869 . .	Everett . . .	December

DISTRICT No. III.—BOSTON HIGHLANDS.

R.W. SETH C. AMES, EAST BOSTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
WASHINGTON . . .	1796 . .	Boston Highlands	November
UNION	1796 . .	Dorchester . . .	December
MOUNT TABOR . . .	1846 . .	East Boston . . .	November
SAINT PAUL'S . . .	1847 . .	South Boston . . .	December
BAALBEC	1853 . .	East Boston . . .	November
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	1856 . .	South Boston . . .	November
HAMMATT	1860 . .	East Boston . . .	December
LAFAYETTE	1866 . .	Boston Highlands .	June
ADELPHI	1866 . .	South Boston . . .	November
ELIOT	1867 . .	Jamaica Plain . . .	May
RABBONI	1870 . .	South Boston . . .	December
TEMPLE	1871 . .	East Boston . . .	December

DISTRICT No. IV.—CAMBRIDGE.

R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON, CONCORD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
CORINTHIAN	1797 . .	Concord	October
MERIDIAN	1797 . .	Natick	October
BETHESDA	1819 . .	Brighton	December
MONITOR	1820 . .	Waltham	November
PEQUOSSETTE	1857 . .	Watertown	June
DALHOUSIE	1861 . .	Newtonville	June
BELMONT	1865 . .	Belmont	March
ISAAC PARKER	1868 . .	Waltham	December
MIZPAH	1868 . .	Cambridgeport . . .	December
BETH-HORON	1871 . .	Brookline	December
CHARLES A. WELCH	1873 . .	Maynard	March
FRATERNITY	1876 . .	Newtonville	October

DISTRICT No. V.—SALEM.

R.W. WILLIAM C. MAXWELL, LYNN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
TYRIAN	1770 . .	Gloucester	November
ESSEX	1791 . .	Salem	December
MOUNT CARMEL	1805 . .	Lynn	December
JORDAN	1808 . .	Peabody	November
LIBERTY	1824 . .	Beverly	December
ASHLER	1852 . .	Rockport	December
AMITY	1864 . .	Danvers	November
STARR KING	1865 . .	Salem	November
JOHN T. HEARD	1865 . .	Ipswich	December
GOLDEN FLEECE	1865 . .	Lynn	December
ACACIA	1866 . .	Gloucester	June
MOAIC	1871 . .	Danvers	December

DISTRICT No. VI.—NEWBURYPORT.

R.W. WARREN CURRIER, NEWBURYPORT, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
SAINT JOHN'S	1766 . .	Newburyport	March
MERRIMACK	1802 . .	Haverhill	November
SAINT MARK'S	1803 . .	Newburyport	September
WARREN	1822 . .	Amesbury	September
SAINT MATTHEW'S . . .	1822 . .	Andover	December
GRECIAN	1825 . .	Lawrence	September
JOHN HANCOCK	1861 . .	Methuen	September
TUSCAN	1863 . .	Lawrence	September
SAGGAHEW	1865 . .	Haverhill	December
CHARLES C. DAME . . .	1867 . .	Georgetown	January
BETHANY	1869 . .	Merrimac	September
PHOENICIAN	1871 . .	Lawrence	September
COCHICHEWICK	1875 . .	North Andover	November

DISTRICT No. VII. — LOWELL.

R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS, LOWELL, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
SAINT PAUL	1797 . .	Ayer	October
AURORA	1801 . .	Fitchburg	September
PENTUCKET	1807 . .	Lowell	October
ANCIENT YORK	1853 . .	Lowell	October
TRINITY	1859 . .	Clinton	September
CALEB BUTLER	1860 . .	Ayer	December
CHARLES W. MOORE	1866 . .	Fitchburg	September
KILWINNING	1867 . .	Lowell	November
WILLIAM NORTH	1868 . .	Lowell	October
BOYLSTON (U.D.)	— . .	West Boylston	—

DISTRICT No. VIII. — GREENFIELD.

R.W. HENRY M. HUMPHREY, ATHOL, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
REPUBLICAN	1795 . .	Greenfield	November
HARMONY	1796 . .	Northfield	November
PACIFIC	1801 . .	Amherst	November
MOUNTAIN	1806 . .	Shelburne Falls	November
ORANGE	1860 . .	Orange	November
HOPE	1865 . .	Gardner	October
STAR	1865 . .	Athol	November
ARTISAN	1866 . .	Winchendon	September
MORNING SUN	1870 . .	Conway	November
BAY STATE	1873 . .	Montague	October
ATHOL	1873 . .	Athol Centre	November

DISTRICT No. IX. — PITTSFIELD.

R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL, PITTSFIELD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
EVENING STAR . . .	1795 . .	Lee	September
CINCINNATUS . . .	1796 . .	Great Barrington .	December
WISDOM	1803 . .	West Stockbridge	December
MYSTIC	1810 . .	Pittsfield . . .	October
LAFAYETTE	1849 . .	North Adams . .	December
BERKSHIRE	1858 . .	South Adams . .	November
GLOBE	1870 . .	Hinsdale . . .	November
UPTON	1870 . .	Cheshire . . .	November
OCCIDENTAL	1871 . .	Stockbridge . .	December
WILLIAMS	1872 . .	Williamstown . .	December
GREYLOCK	1872 . .	North Adams . .	November
CRESCENT	1874 . .	Pittsfield . . .	September

DISTRICT No. X. — SPRINGFIELD.

R.W. JOHN A. HALL, SPRINGFIELD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
JERUSALEM	1797 . .	Northampton . .	November
HAMPDEN	1817 . .	Springfield . . .	November
CHICOPEE	1849 . .	Chicopee	November
MOUNT TOM	1850 . .	Holyoke	November
MOUNT MORIAH . . .	1856 . .	Westfield . . .	September
ROSWELL LEE	1865 . .	Springfield . . .	November
HUNTINGTON	1867 . .	Huntington . . .	December
IONIC	1868 . .	Easthampton . .	November
MOUNT HOLYOKE . . .	1870 . .	South Hadley Falls	November
BELCHER	1871 . .	Chicopee Falls . .	October
HAMPSHIRE	1872 . .	Haydenville . .	November

DISTRICT No. XI. — WORCESTER.

R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY, WORCESTER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
MORNING STAR . . .	1793 . .	Worcester . . .	November
MOUNT ZION . . .	1800 . .	Barre . . .	September
MONTACUTE . . .	1859 . .	Worcester . . .	November
WEBSTER . , . .	1859 . .	Webster . . .	December
WILDER	1860 . .	Leominster . . .	September
OXFORD	1860 . .	Oxford . . .	September
UNITED BRETHREN .	1860 . .	Marlborough . .	November
DORIC	1864 . .	Hudson . . .	September
ATHELSTAN	1866 . .	Worcester . . .	November
SAINT BERNARD . .	1868 . .	Southborough . .	September
QUINSIGAMOND . .	1871 . .	Worcester . . .	October
SPENCER	1872 . .	Spencer . . .	October

DISTRICT No. XII. — MILFORD.

R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES, MILLBURY, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
MIDDLESEX	1795 . .	Framingham . . .	November
MONTGOMERY . . .	1797 . .	Milford . . .	October
OLIVE BRANCH . . .	1797 . .	Millbury . . .	October
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE .	1818 . .	Uxbridge . . .	October
FRANKLIN	1852 . .	Grafton . . .	November
BLACKSTONE RIVER .	1856 . .	Blackstone . . .	November
JOHN WARREN . . .	1861 . .	Hopkinton . . .	October
NORTH STAR	1865 . .	Ashland . . .	November
MOUNT HOLLIS . . .	1865 . .	Holliston . . .	December
EXCELSIOR	1867 . .	Franklin . . .	January
SILAM	1867 . .	Westborough . .	November
CHARLES RIVER . . .	1871 . .	West Medway . .	October
ALPHA	1876 . .	South Framingham	September

DISTRICT No. XIII.—TAUNTON.

R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY, DEDHAM, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
BRISTOL	1797 . .	No. Attleborough .	December
KING DAVID	1798 . .	Taunton	November
RISING STAR	1799 . .	Stoughton	November
SAINT ALBAN'S	1818 . .	Foxborough	July
ORIENT	1862 . .	Norwood	January
BLUE HILL	1864 . .	Canton	November
SAINT JAMES	1865 . .	Mansfield	December
ALFRED BAYLIES	1866 . .	Taunton	October
HYDE PARK	1866 . .	Hyde Park	December
IONIC	1867 . .	Taunton	November
PAUL DEAN	1868 . .	North Easton	November
EZEKIEL BATES	1871 . .	Attleborough	December
CONSTELLATION	1872 . .	Dedham	March
CHARLES H. TITUS	1873 . .	Taunton	October
NORFOLK	1875 . .	Needham	May

DISTRICT No. XIV.—NEW BEDFORD.

R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART, FALL RIVER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
UNION	1771 . .	Nantucket	December
MARINE	1798 . .	Falmouth	December
STAR IN THE EAST	1823 . .	New Bedford	January
MOUNT HOPE	1824 . .	Fall River	November
EUREKA	1858 . .	New Bedford	January
MARTHA'S VINEYARD	1860 . .	Vineyard Haven	December
PYTHAGOREAN	1863 . .	Marion	December
PIONEER	1864 . .	Somerset	November
MAY FLOWER	1865 . .	Middleborough	December
KING PHILIP	1866 . .	Fall River	November
ORIENTAL	1867 . .	Edgartown	December
CONCORDIA	1873 . .	Fairhaven	December
NARRAGANSETT	1876 . .	Fall River	December

DISTRICT No. XV. — BARNSTABLE.

R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS, BARNSTABLE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
KING HIRAM . . .	1796 . .	Provincetown . .	November
FRATERNAL . . .	1801 . .	Hyannis . . .	January
SOCIAL HARMONY . .	1823 . .	Wareham . . .	December
MOUNT HOREB . .	1855 . .	West Harwich . .	December
DE WITT CLINTON .	1856 . .	Sandwich . . .	December
PILGRIM	1860 . .	South Harwich . .	December
JAMES OTIS	1866 . .	Barnstable . . .	October
ADAMS	1866 . .	Wellfleet	January
HOWARD	1870 . .	South Yarmouth .	January
MARINERS	1871 . .	Cotuit	January
SAINT MARTIN'S . .	1873 . .	Chatham	December

DISTRICT No. XVI. — PLYMOUTH.

R. W. HOSEA KINGMAN, BRIDGEWATER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
OLD COLONY . . .	1792 . .	Hingham	December
FELLOWSHIP . . .	1797 . .	Bridgewater . . .	September
RURAL	1801 . .	Quincy	November
CORNER STONE . .	1801 . .	Duxbury	November
NORFOLK UNION . .	1819 . .	Randolph	November
ORPHAN'S HOPE . .	1825 . .	East Weymouth .	May
PLYMOUTH	1825 . .	Plymouth	November
PAUL REVERE . . .	1857 . .	Brockton	December
JOHN CUTLER . . .	1860 . .	Abington	September
KONOHASSETT . . .	1865 . .	Cohasset	January
DELTA	1869 . .	Weymouth	October
PURITAN	1870 . .	South Abington .	September
PHOENIX	1874 . .	Hanover	December
SATUIT	1876 . .	Scituate	May

DISTRICT No. XVII. — WOBURN.

R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE, MALDEN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
HIRAM	1797 . . .	Arlington . . .	November
PUTNAM	1855 . . .	East Cambridge . . .	December
MOUNT HERMON . . .	1855 . . .	Medford . . .	December
MOUNT HOREB . . .	1856 . . .	Woburn . . .	December
WYOMING	1857 . . .	Melrose . . .	September
MOUNT VERNON . . .	1858 . . .	Malden . . .	November
WILLIAM PARKMAN . .	1865 . . .	Winchester . . .	December
CHARITY	1870 . . .	North Cambridge . . .	December
GOOD SAMARITAN . .	1871 . . .	Reading . . .	September
SIMON W. ROBINSON . .	1871 . . .	Lexington . . .	November
KING CYRUS	1876 . . .	Stoneham . . .	December

DISTRICT No. XVIII. — PALMER.

R.W. PLINY T. LITCHFIELD, SOUTHBRIDGE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
THOMAS	1796 . . .	Palmer . . .	November
BETHEL	1825 . . .	Enfield . . .	November
QUABOAG	1859 . . .	Warren . . .	November
QUINEBAUG	1860 . . .	Southbridge . . .	September
DAY SPRING	1863 . . .	Monson . . .	December
HAYDEN	1864 . . .	Brookfield . . .	November
EDEN	1864 . . .	Ware . . .	November
VERNON	1870 . . .	Belchertown . . .	December
NEWTON	1871 . . .	Wilbraham . . .	November
ANCHOR	1874 . . .	Wales . . .	December

CHILI DISTRICT.

R.W. REV. DAVID TRUMBULL, D.D., VALPARAISO,
D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
BETHESDA	1854 . .	Valparaiso	August
ACONCAGUA	1871 . .	Valparaiso	August
HUELEN (U.D.) . .	— . .	Santiago	—

CHINA DISTRICT.

R.W. ITHAMAR B. EAMES, SHANGHAI, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
ANCIENT LANDMARK	1854 . .	Shanghai	October

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

LODGES, THEIR LOCATIONS AND SECRETARIES,

FOR THE YEAR 1877.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
ABERDOUR . . .	Boston . . .	Charles I. Eaton.
ACACIA . . .	Gloucester . . .	Frederick L. Stacy.
ACONCAGUA . . .	Valparaiso, Chili, S.A.	Addison Swinglehurst.
ADAMS . . .	Wellfleet . . .	Edwin P. Cook.
ADELPHI . . .	South Boston . . .	John H. Locke.
ALFRED BAYLIES .	Taunton . . .	Lemuel T. Talbot.
ALPHA . . .	South Framingham .	Charles S. Hunt.
AMICABLE . . .	Cambridgeport . .	Charles Tufts.
AMITY . . .	Danvers . . .	T. C. Everett.
ANCHOR . . .	Wales . . .	Frank L. Smith.
ANCIENT LANDMARK	Shanghai, China . .	G. L. Skinner.
ANCIENT YORK . .	Lowell . . .	Duane P. Stacy.
ARTISAN . . .	Winchendon . . .	George H. Stanley.
ASHLER . . .	Rockport . . .	William G. Davis, Jr.
ATHELSTAN . . .	Worcester . . .	George C. Holden.
ATHOL . . .	Athol Centre . . .	E. Ward Cooke.
AURORA . . .	Fitchburg . . .	Frederick A. Currier.
BAALBEC . . .	East Boston . . .	Charles F. Libbie.
BAY STATE . . .	Montague . . .	Charles P. Wright.
BELCHER . . .	Chicopee Falls . .	Nathaniel Clark.
BELMONT . . .	Belmont . . .	William W. Mead.
BERKSHIRE . . .	South Adams . . .	James C. Chalmers.
BETHANY . . .	Merrimac . . .	Le Burton W. Colby.
BETHEL . . .	Enfield . . .	Robert D. Bussey.
BETHESDA . . .	Brighton . . .	John T. Needham.
BETHESDA . . .	Valparaiso, Chili, S.A.	Charles H. Monat.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
BETH-HORON . . .	Brookline . . .	Francis H. Bacon.
BLACKSTONE RIVER .	Blackstone . . .	Horatio Stockbridge.
BLUE HILL . . .	Canton . . .	Nathaniel W. Dunbar.
BRISTOL . . .	North Attleborough	Thomas G. Sandland.
CALEB BUTLER . .	Ayer . . .	Leonard A. Buck.
CHARITY . . .	North Cambridge .	Thomas T. Ferguson.
CHARLES A. WELCH	Maynard . . .	William H. Maynard.
CHARLES C. DAME .	Georgetown . . .	Robert A. Coker.
CHARLES H. TITUS .	Taunton . . .	Cornelius H. Paull.
CHARLES RIVER . .	West Medway . .	Henry C. Austin.
CHARLES W. MOORE	Fitchburg . . .	Joseph L. Stratton.
CHICOPEE . . .	Chicopee . . .	James C. Buckley.
CINCINNATUS . . .	Great Barrington .	Marcus H. Rogers.
COCHICHEWICK . .	North Andover . .	Charles F. Johnson.
COLUMBIAN . . .	Boston . . .	William Martin.
CONCORDIA . . .	Fairhaven . . .	Seth H. Keith.
CONSTELLATION . .	Dedham . . .	Edwin A. Brooks.
CORINTHIAN . . .	Concord . . .	Charles E. Brown.
CORNER STONE . .	Duxbury . . .	George A. Green.
CRESCENT . . .	Pittsfield . . .	Theodore L. Allen.
DALHOUSIE . . .	Newtonville . . .	Edward E. Morgan.
DAY SPRING . . .	Monson . . .	Alvin A. Gage.
DELTA . . .	Weymouth . . .	Charles G. Thompson.
DE WITT CLINTON .	Sandwich . . .	John Q. Miller.
DORIC . . .	Hudson . . .	Daniel W. Stratton.
EDEN . . .	Ware . . .	Henry O. Caryl.
ELEUSIS . . .	Boston . . .	George F. Child.
ELIOT . . .	Jamaica Plain . .	Charles H. Smith.
ESSEX . . .	Salem . . .	Joseph Swasey.
EUREKA . . .	New Bedford . . .	George W. Parker.
EVENING STAR . .	Lee . . .	D. B. DeWolf.
EXCELSIOR . . .	Franklin . . .	William A. Wyckoff.
EZEKIEL BATES . .	Attleborough . . .	Eugene F. Pearce.
FAITH . . .	Charlestown . . .	Joseph W. Linnell.
FELLOWSHIP . . .	Bridgewater . . .	Warren K. Churchill.
FRANKLIN . . .	Grafton . . .	William S. Wood.
FRATERNAL . . .	Hyannis . . .	Oliver C. Hoxie.
FRATERNITY . . .	Newtonville . . .	Francis Elder.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	South Boston . . .	Henry Landt.
GERMANIA . . .	Boston . . .	Emil Heidenreich.
GLOBE . . .	Hinsdale . . .	Solomon F. Root.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
GOLDEN FLEECE	Lynn	William B. Phillips.
GOOD SAMARITAN	Reading	William E. Beard.
GRECIAN	Lawrence	J. Wilber Stott.
GREYLOCK	North Adams	George H. Patrick.
HAMMATT	East Boston	Samuel L. Fowle.
HAMPDEN	Springfield	Charles Taylor.
HAMPSHIRE	Haydenville	Aaron R. Morse.
HARMONY	Northfield	Ezra L. Holton.
HAYDEN	Brookfield	Henry A. Forbes.
HENRY PRICE	Charlestown	Charles H. Willard.
HIRAM	Arlington	Thomas H. Wakefield.
HOPE	Gardner	George W. Black.
HOWARD	South Yarmouth . . .	Zenas P. Howes.
HUNTINGTON	Huntington	Thomas Davis.
HYDE PARK	Hyde Park	Henry S. Bunton.
IONIC	Taunton	George E. Manning.
IONIC	Easthampton	Homan H. Beals.
ISAAC PARKER	Waltham	Charles I. Eaton.
JAMES OTIS	Barnstable	Ansel D. Lothrop.
JERUSALEM	Northampton	William H. Frary.
JOHN ABBOT	Somerville	George L. Baxter.
JOHN CUTLER	Abington	Erastus M. Nash.
JOHN HANCOCK	Methuen	Walter E. Stevens.
JOHN T. HEARD	Ipswich	David M. Tyler.
JOHN WARREN	Hopkinton	Cornelius C. Morse.
JORDAN	Peabody	Charles H. Goulding.
JOSEPH WARREN	Boston	Ivory H. Pope.
KILWINNING	Lowell	Francis A. Nichols.
KING CYRUS	Stoneham	George L. W. Dike.
KING DAVID	Taunton	James A. Messenger.
KING HIRAM	Provincetown	Reuben W. Swift.
KING PHILIP	Fall River	Charles E. Mills.
KING SOLOMON	Charlestown	George W. Abbott.
KONOHASSET	Cohasset	James H. Bouvé.
LAFAYETTE	Boston Highlands . .	John D. Willard.
LAFAYETTE	North Adams	Charles H. Warren.
LIBERTY	Beverly	Isaac H. Edgett.
MARINE	Falmouth	Herbert F. Robinson.
MARINERS	Cotuit	Andrew Lovell.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD . . .	Vineyard Haven . . .	Rev. Dan'l W. Stevens.
MASSACHUSETTS	Boston	Charles O. Fox.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
MAYFLOWER . . .	Middleborough . . .	Benjamin F. Tripp.
MERIDIAN . . .	Natick . . .	Amos P. Cheney.
MERRIMACK . . .	Haverhill . . .	Francis J. Stevens.
MIDDLESEX . . .	Framingham . . .	Arthur D. Leland.
MIZPAH . . .	Cambridgeport . . .	George E. Ryder.
MONITOR . . .	Waltham . . .	Thomas Kirke.
MORNING STAR . . .	Worcester . . .	Henry D. Putnam.
MORNING SUN . . .	Conway . . .	Charles H. Day.
MONTACUTE . . .	Worcester . . .	Jeremiah Swasey.
MONTGOMERY . . .	Milford . . .	Charles E. Whitney.
MOAIC . . .	Danvers . . .	George H. Perkins.
MOUNTAIN . . .	Shelburne Falls . . .	Joseph H. Wilder.
MOUNT CARMEL . . .	Lynn . . .	Timothy Stevens.
MOUNT HERMON . . .	Medford . . .	Parker R. Litchfield.
MOUNT HOLLIS . . .	Holliston . . .	Herman Bragg.
MOUNT HOLYOKE . . .	South Hadley Falls . . .	Edmund R. Pearson.
MOUNT HOPE . . .	Fall River . . .	Andrew M. Speedie.
MOUNT HOREB . . .	Woburn . . .	Sparrow Horton.
MOUNT HOREB . . .	West Harwich . . .	Samuel S. Baker.
MOUNT LEBANON . . .	Boston . . .	Homer Ashley.
MOUNT MORIAH . . .	Westfield . . .	James R. Gladwin.
MOUNT OLIVET . . .	Cambridge . . .	Charles L. Fuller.
MOUNT TABOR . . .	East Boston . . .	J. H. S. Pearson.
MOUNT TOM . . .	Holyoke . . .	Albert G. Magna.
MOUNT VERNON . . .	Malden . . .	Alfred Tonks.
MOUNT ZION . . .	Barre . . .	Henry B. Sibley.
MYSTIC . . .	Pittsfield . . .	John F. VanDeusen.
NARRAGANSETT . . .	Fall River . . .	Leone E. Sweet.
NEWTON . . .	Wilbraham . . .	Joseph A. Parker.
NORFOLK . . .	Needham . . .	Charles S. Dupee.
NORFOLK UNION . . .	Randolph . . .	John H. Field.
NORTH STAR . . .	Ashland . . .	William F. Merritt.
OCCIDENTAL . . .	Stockbridge . . .	Henry J. Dunham.
OLD COLONY . . .	Hingham . . .	William H. Thomas.
OLIVE BRANCH . . .	Millbury . . .	Pliny W. Wood.
ORANGE . . .	Orange . . .	Wales B. Eddy.
ORIENT . . .	Norwood . . .	Nathaniel N. Sumner.
ORIENTAL . . .	Edgartown . . .	Tristram R. Holley.
ORPHAN'S HOPE . . .	East Weymouth . . .	Thomas J. Evans.
OXFORD . . .	Oxford . . .	George H. Baker.
PACIFIC . . .	Amherst . . .	Elisha J. Wheaton.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
PALESTINE	Everett	Gilman C. Hickok.
PAUL DEAN	North Easton	George E. Dana.
PAUL REVERE	Brockton	Alfred C. Munroe.
PENTUCKET	Lowell	Benjamin S. Ireson.
PEQUOSSETTE	Watertown	Alberto F. Haynes.
PHŒNICIAN	Lawrence	Charles D. Moore.
PHŒNIX	Hanover	Thomas B. Waterman.
PILGRIM	Harwich	Darius F. Weekes.
PIONEER	Somerset	Edmund A. Davis.
PLYMOUTH	Plymouth	Charles H. Rogers.
PURITAN	South Abington	Charles D. Nash.
PUTNAM	East Cambridge	Luther L. Parker.
PYTHAGOREAN	Marion	George H. Weld.
QUABOAG	Warren	Thaddeus E. Gould.
QUINEBAUG	Southbridge	Harlan P. Tiffany.
QUINSIGAMOND	Worcester	Charles E. Phelps.
RABBONI	South Boston	George S. Carpenter.
REPUBLICAN	Greenfield	Luther C. Pratt.
REVERE	Boston	William W. Baker.
RISING STAR	Stoughton	Leonard A. Thayer.
ROBERT LASH	Chelsea	Rufus S. Owen.
ROSWELL LEE	Springfield	Cyrus H. Lang.
RURAL	Quincy	Charles H. Porter.
SAGGAHEW	Haverhill	Henry Halsall.
SAINT ALBAN'S	Foxborough	Willard W. Turner.
SAINT ANDREW'S	Boston	William F. Davis.
SAINT BERNARD	Southborough	Francis D. Newton.
SAINT JAMES	Mansfield	William N. Moran.
SAINT JOHN'S	Boston	James W. Allen.
SAINT JOHN'S	Newburyport	Samuel Brookings, Jr.
SAINT MARK'S	Newburyport	Sylvester B. Carter.
SAINT MARTIN'S	Chatham	Solomon E. Hallett.
SAINT MATTHEW'S	Andover	George W. Foster.
SAINT PAUL	Ayer	Edmund D. Bancroft.
SAINT PAUL'S	South Boston	Horace Smith.
SATUIT	Scituate	George H. Curtis.
SILAM	Westborough	George J. Jackson.
SIMON W. ROBINSON	Lexington	Henry M. Reed.
SOCIAL HARMONY	Wareham	Isaac B. Bent.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE	Uxbridge	George M. White.
SPENCER	Spencer	Chester W. Pierce.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
STAR	Athol	Nathaniel Richardson.
STAR IN THE EAST	New Bedford	James C. Hitch.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM	Chelsea	Lyman M. Miller.
STARR KING	Salem	Wm. H. Simonds, Jr.
TEMPLE	East Boston	Horace B. Butler.
THOMAS	Palmer	Cyrus W. White.
TRINITY	Clinton	Henry N. Otterson.
TUSCAN	Lawrence	George H. Allison.
TYRIAN	Gloucester	William P. Dolliver.
UNION	Nantucket	Charles P. Swain.
UNION	Dorchester	Robert T. Swan.
UNITED BRETHREN	Marlborough	Benjamin F. Underhill.
UPTON	Cheshire	John R. Cole.
VERNON	Belchertown	E. A. R. Fairchild.
WARREN	Amesbury	David L. Davoll.
WASHINGTON	Boston Highlands	John W. Call.
WEBSTER	Webster	John Cort.
WILDER	Leominster	Wilbur B. Tenney.
WILLIAM NORTH	Lowell	Theodore Adams.
WILLIAM PARKMAN	Winchester	Leone S. Quimby.
WILLIAM SUTTON	Saugus	Benjamin F. Calley.
WILLIAMS	Williamstown	Charles F. Town.
WINSLOW LEWIS	Boston	Alonzo P. Jones.
WISDOM	West Stockbridge	William L. Curtis.
WYOMING	Melrose	George C. Stantial.
ZETLAND	Boston	Hammond Vinton.

PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
SINCE ITS INDEPENDENCE, MARCH 8, 1777.

Note.—The year given denotes the time of installation, which, with very few exceptions, was on or near St. John's Day, Dec. 27; so that the year of official service is the one following that given in the text.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

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| *Joseph Webb, 1777-81, 1784-86. | *Elijah Crane, 1832. |
| *John Warren, 1782, 83, 1787. | *Joshua B. Flint, 1834-36. |
| *Moses M. Hays, 1788-91. | *Rev. Paul Dean, 1837-39. |
| *John Cutler, 1792, 93. | *Caleb Butler, 1840, 41. |
| *Paul Revere, 1794-96. | *Augustus Peabody, 1842-44. |
| *Josiah Bartlett, 1797, 98, 1809. | *Simon W. Robinson, 1845-47. |
| *Samuel Dunn, 1799-1801. | *Edward A. Raymond, 1848-50. |
| *Isaiah Thomas, 1802-1804, 1808. | *Rt. Rev. G. M. Randall, 1851-1853. |
| *Timothy Bigelow, 1805-7, 1810-1812. | *Winslow Lewis, 1854, 55, 1859. |
| *Benjamin Russell, 1813-15. | John T. Heard, 1856-58. |
| *Francis J. Oliver, 1816-18. | William D. Coolidge, 1860, 61. |
| *Samuel P. P. Fay, 1819. | William Parkman, 1862-64. |
| *John Dixwell, 1820-22. | Charles C. Dame, 1865-67. |
| *John Abbot, 1823-25, 1833. | William S. Gardner, 1868-70. |
| *John Soley, 1826-28. | Sereno D. Nickerson, 1871-73. |
| *Joseph Jenkins, 1829-31. | Percival L. Everett, 1874- |
| *Charles W. Moore, elected Honorary Past Grand Master December 10th, 1873. | |

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| *Moses Deshon, 1777, 78. | *William Scollay, 1794, 95. |
| *Samuel Barrett, 1779-81. | *Samuel Dunn, 1796-98. |
| *Paul Revere, 1782-84, 1790, 91. | *Joseph Laughton, 1798-1801. |
| *John Lowell, 1785-87, 1792. | *Simon Elliot, 1802-7. |
| *Perez Morton, 1788, 89. | *John Boyle, 1808, 9. |
| *Josiah Bartlett, 1793. | *Samuel Bradford, 1810. |

*Rev. Thad. M. Harris, 1811.
 *Francis J. Oliver, 1812-15.
 *John Dixwell, 1816, 17.
 *Samuel P. P. Fay, 1818.
 *Rev. Asa Eaton, 1819.
 *John Abbot, 1820-22.
 *Caleb Butler, 1823-25.
 *John Bartlett, 1826-28.
 *Elijah Morse, 1829.
 *William Hilliard, 1830.
 *David Wilder, 1831.
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 *Rev. Paul Dean, 1834-36.
 George G. Smith, 1837-39.
 *Simon W. Robinson, 1840-42.
 *John B. Hammatt, 1843.
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 *Rt. Rev. G. M. Randall, 1848-50.
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 *†Rev. William Flint, 1856-58.
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 Jerome V. C. Smith, 1859.
 G. Washington Warren, 1860.
 Marshall P. Wilder, 1861.
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 Sereno D. Nickerson, 1865.
 *Newell A. Thompson, 1866.
 *Charles W. Moore, 1867.
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 Charles A. Welch, 1874-

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*Samuel Barrett, 1777, 78.
 *Paul Revere, 1779-82.
 *Perez Morton, 1783, 84.
 *John Juteau, 1785, 1789.
 *Josiah Bartlett, 1786, 1788, 1791, 1792.
 *Timothy Whiting, 1787.
 *Thomas Edwards, 1790.
 *Mungo Mackay, 1793.
 *Isaiah Thomas, 1794-96.
 *Joseph Laughton, 1797, 98.
 *John Boyle, 1799-1801.
 *Isaac Hurd, 1802.
 *Timothy Bigelow, 1803, 1804.
 *John Soley, 1805, 1806.
 *Shubael Bell, 1807.
 *Henry Fowle, 1808.
 *Francis J. Oliver, 1809-11.
 *Benjamin Russell, 1812.
 *John Abbot, 1813.
 *John B. Hammatt, 1814, 15.
 *Augustus Peabody, 1816.

*Caleb Butler, 1817, 18.
 *Andrew Sigourney, 1819.
 *Thomas Cole, 1820, 21.
 *Elijah Crane, 1822.
 *Samuel Thaxter, 1823-25.
 *John Keys, 1826, 27.
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 Abraham A. Dame, 1829-31.
 *William J. Whipple, 1832.
 *Elias Haskell, 1833-35.
 *Benjamin B. Appleton, 1836.
 *Simon W. Robinson, 1837-39.
 *Thomas Tolman, 1840-42.
 *Robert Lash, 1843.
 *Robert Keith, 1844.
 *Edward A. Raymond, 1845-47.
 *John J. Loring, 1848.
 *Thomas M. Vinson, 1849, 50.
 *William Ferson, 1851.
 Daniel Harwood, 1852.
 *Richard S. Spofford, 1853.
 William C. Plunkett, 1854.

* John T. Heard, 1855.
 Bradford L. Wales, 1856.
 Henry Goddard, 1857.
 Lorenzo H. Gamwell, 1858.
 Joel Spaulding, 1859.
 * William North, 1860.
 Henry Chickering, 1861.
 *† William C. Martin, 1862.
 William W. Baker, 1862.
 William S. Gardner, 1863.
 * Wendell T. Davis, 1864.

William Sutton, 1865.
 Samuel P. Oliver, 1866.
 William F. Salmon, 1867.
 * Ithamar F. Conkey, 1868.
 Samuel C. Lawrence, 1869.
 David W. Crafts, 1870.
 Charles Kimball, 1871.
 Henry Endicott, 1872.
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 * Samuel Parkman, 1793.
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 * Joseph Laughton, 1795, 96.
 * William Little, 1797.
 * John Boyle, 1798.
 * Rev. Thad. M. Harris, 1799.
 * Isaac Hurd, 1800, 1801.
 * Timothy Bigelow, 1802.
 * John Soley, 1803, 1804.
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 * Henry Fowle, 1807.
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 * Oliver Prescott, 1809.
 * Benjamin Russell, 1810, 11.
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* Ralph H. French, 1816.
 * James C. King, 1817.
 * Joseph Jenkins, 1818.
 * Thomas Cole, 1819.
 * Elijah Crane, 1820, 21.
 * Samuel Thaxter, 1822.
 * John Keys, 1823-25.
 * John Mills, 1826.
 * Henry Purkitt, 1827.
 Abraham A. Dame, 1828.
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 * James A. Dickson, 1832.
 * Benjamin B. Appleton, 1833-35.
 * Simon W. Robinson, 1836.
 * C. Gayton Pickman, 1837-39.
 * Winslow Lewis, Sen., 1840-42.
 * Thomas Power, 1843.
 * John Hews, 1844.
 * John R. Bradford, 1845-47.
 * Thomas N. Vinson, 1848.
 *† Asa T. Newhall, 1848-50.
 * William Eaton, 1851.
 * John Flint, 1851.
 * Rev. Benjamin Huntoon, 1852.
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Lucius W. Lovell, 1874.
Daniel Upton, 1875.

- *Allen Crocker, 1798–1808.
- *†Andrew Sigourney, 1809–1819.
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- *John J. Loring, 1826–1847.
- *Thomas Tolman, 1848–1860.
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- *Samuel Colesworthy, 1793.
- *Daniel Oliver, 1794-1801.
- *John Proctor, 1802-10.
- *John Soley, 1811-18.
- *Thomas Power, 1819-32.
- *Charles W. Moore, 1833-66.
- †Solon Thornton, 1867-71.
- §Charles H. Titus, 1871-

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Abstract of Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

MARCH 8, A. L. 5877.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Thursday, the eighth day of March, A. L. 5877, A. D. 1877, for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,	as Junior Grand Warden.
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W. HENRY S. BUNTON	} Grand Pursuivants.
W. BAALIS SANFORD, JR.	
BRO. JOHN B. RHODES	as Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE	Grand Tyler.

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R.W. JOHN T. HEARD	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON	" " "
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R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN	" " " "
R.W. MARSHALL P. WILDER	" " " "
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM W. BAKER	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER	" " "
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R.W. CHARLES KIMBALL	" " "
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R.W. WILLIAM T. GRAMMER	" " "

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R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR	" " "
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About two hundred members of the Craft from various parts of the Commonwealth were also present.

The following eminent Masons were present as guests of the Grand Lodge:—

M.W. JOHN J. BELL, Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire.
M.W. HENRY H. SMITH, Grand Master of Masons in Vermont.
M.W. NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK, Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island.

M.W. EDWARD B. ROWE, Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut.

R.W. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

R.W. NATHAN P. BOWMAN, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

R.W. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

R.W. HENRY CLARK, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at thirty minutes past one o'clock, P. M. Prayer was offered by W. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand

Chaplain, and the following words were sung by the Brethren:—

I.

From East to West, o'er land and sea,
Where Brothers meet, and friends agree,
Let incense rise from hearts sincere,
The dearest offering gathered here.

II.

Let notes of praise united tell
Of thoughts most kind where Brothers dwell;
Though clouds may dim our darkened way,
Some kindly hand shall be our stay.

III.

Our trust reposed on Him alone
Who ne'er will contrite hearts disown,
Our Faith shall mark that Holy Light
Whose beams our dearest joys unite.

The Grand Master set forth the occasion of this Special Communication of the Grand Lodge in the words following.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:—In accordance with the unanimous vote passed at the Stated Communication of this Grand Lodge held on the 27th of December last, we are now assembled and have opened a Special Communication of this venerable Body, for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of its reorganization as an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge.

It will be remembered that the St. John's Grand Lodge was organized in 1733, under the Provincial Grand Mastership of Henry Price, by authority of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of

England, afterwards known as "Modern Masons." Its meetings were regularly held until the 27th of December, 1775. From that date there is an interruption of the records, and it does not appear that any meeting was held until the 4th of August, 1787, though the Brethren were called together, on the 17th of the preceding February, to attend the funeral of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful John Rowe. At the August meeting a committee was appointed "to write a circular letter to all the Lodges under the jurisdiction, requiring their attendance at the Grand Lodge, to assist in choosing Grand Officers." The proposed meeting does not appear to have been held for nearly three years. On the 29th of July, 1790, R.W. John Cutler, Senior Grand Warden, presiding, the record recites that "it having pleased Almighty God, in his wisdom, to take hence the R.W. Grand Master and many other of the Grand Officers of the Lodge," and the "Brethren present taking the same into their serious consideration, it was voted unanimously to proceed to the choice of New Grand Officers." The election was accordingly held, and the Grand Lodge was formally reorganized. Thus did the St. John's Grand Lodge imitate the example set by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge more than thirteen years before.

In 1769 the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted to Joseph Warren a commission as Grand Master of Masons in Boston, New England, and within one hundred miles of the same. This commission was afterwards extended over all North America. Under this authority he proceeded to organize a Grand Lodge of "Ancient Masons," so called, with the aid of St. Andrew's Lodge (chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland), an army Lodge "under the Registry of England," and an army Lodge "under the Registry of Ireland." This Grand Lodge met regularly from December 27th, 1769, until March 3d, 1775, General Warren presiding at all of its forty communications

except four. During this period Charters were granted to three Lodges, Tyrian, of Gloucester, Massachusetts, of Boston, and St. Peters, of Newburyport. The first two named are still vigorous and prosperous. The other has long been extinct.

“At a meeting of the Grand Lodge held at Free Mason’s Hall (in the Green Dragon Tavern), in Due form, Friday Evening, March 8d, 1775, Most Wors^l Joseph Warren, Esq., G.M., presided for the last time. The business being concluded, the Grand Lodge was closed to first Friday in June.” Immediately following this record is the vote so familiar to us all: “Memo. 19th April, 1775, hostilities commenced between the Troops of G. Britian and America, in Lexington Battle. In consequence of which the Town was Blockaded and no Lodge held until December, 1776.” On the 27th of that month the Grand Lodge celebrated the Feast of St. John the Evangelist at Freemasons’ Hall, R. W. Joseph Webb, D.G.M., presiding. The record consists only of the names of the thirty-two Brethren present, and closes as follows: “All settled and paid; a very Genteel Entertainment.”

On the 14th of February, 1777, a special meeting of the Grand Lodge was held “to hear the petition of Seth Deane and others praying for a Charter to erect and hold a Lodge in the Town of Stockbridge, in the County of Berkshire. The petition was referred to Friday evening, 7th of March next. Voted that the Deputy Grand Master send a summons to all the Masters and Wardens under this jurisdiction to assemble here on the 7th March, in order to consult upon and to elect a Grand Master for this State, in the Room of our late Worthy Grand Master WARREN, deceased.”

Accordingly, on the 7th of March nine Brethren assembled at Masons’ Hall, but “the Grand Lodge is adjourned until Tomorrow Evening.” At that time the same Brethren with

two others met at the same place, and “on a motion made” it was “voted that this Grand Lodge proceed to the choice of a Grand Master to act in that capacity till Friday, June next. Voted that Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., be Grand Master.” The Grand Lodge made choice of the other Grand Officers, and it was then “motion’d and seconded that the prayer of the petition of Seth Deane and others be heard and answered. Voted accordingly.”

The names of the Brethren composing the first Independent Grand Lodge should be on perpetual record.

They were, in the language of the record:—

R.W. JOSEPH WEBB, ESQ.	. . . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. PAUL REVERE	. . . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. THOMAS CRAFTS	. . . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN LOWELL	. . . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. NAT. PIERCE	. . . . .	Grand Secretary <i>pro tem</i> .
R.W. THOMAS URANN	. . . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. EDW'D PROCTOR	. . . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. MOSES DESHON, ESQ.	. . . . .	Past Master.
R.W. PHILLIP MARRION,	}	Grand Stewards.
R.W. WINTHROP GRAY,		
R.W. WM. GREENOUGH	. . . . .	Master of St. Peter's Lodge.

The circumstances under which these Brethren acted were new and strange. It is not surprising, therefore, that the legality of their proceeding was doubted by many of the Craft. So serious were the differences of opinion on this subject that, nearly five years after the action in question, a committee was appointed to defend it. This committee consisted of Perez Morton, Paul Revere, John Warren and James Avery. They came to the conclusion “that the Resolutions of the said present Grand Lodge were dictated by principles of the clearest necessity, founded in the Highest Reason, and warranted by precedents of the most approved authority.” They recom-

mended the adoption of certain resolutions, among which was the following:—

“*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge be forever hereafter known and called by the name of The Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons, and that it is free and Independent in its Government and Official Authority of any other Grand Lodge or Grand Master in the Universe.”

Even the vigorous argument and resolutions of this distinguished committee did not seem to dispel all the doubts and fears of the Craft, so accustomed were they to respect Masonic authority and precedent. In the mean time, Charters had been granted to twelve more Lodges in Massachusetts, two in New Hampshire, three in Connecticut and one in Vermont.

On the 26th of May, 1785, delegates from twelve of these Lodges assembled at Charlestown, Massachusetts and St. Peter's being included. St. Andrew's and Tyrian declined to send delegates, and no answers were received from the other Lodges. These delegates, with only one dissenting voice, expressed their unqualified approval of the independent organization, and confidence in its legality. Thereafter there is no record or evidence of any further doubt or question on the subject.

We come now to what R.W. Charles W. Moore denominates the “third great epoch in the history of Masonry in Massachusetts,” the union of the Massachusetts and St. John's Grand Lodges. In the language of that distinguished Brother: “To the Massachusetts Grand Lodge belongs the high honor of taking the incipient step in this important measure. Though the younger of the two, it was in a position to justify it in making the first advance. It had nobly maintained itself throughout the whole of the trying scenes of the revolutionary war, and was then strong and prosperous.” The first decided

step towards the desired union was taken by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge at its meeting on the 2d of March, 1787, — the first after the death of M.W. John Rowe, Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge. At that meeting a committee was appointed to confer with the other Grand Lodge.

No progress seems to have been made by this committee, probably on account of the dormancy of St. John's Grand Lodge, already described, only one meeting having been held between Dec. 27th, 1775, and July 29th, 1790. On the 5th of Dec., 1791, the subject was revived in Massachusetts Grand Lodge, and, under the management of a vigorous and strong committee, the union was brought to a happy conclusion on the 5th of March, 1792; and from that day the distinction between "Ancient" and "Modern" Masons ceased to exist in Massachusetts. Thus did we anticipate by twenty-one years that "Union" in England which was hailed with so much satisfaction by the Craft throughout the world. Thus was completed a union which has continued unbroken for eighty-five years, and which we trust may last until time shall be no more.

It is eminently fit and proper that we should assemble on this one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the first Independent Grand Lodge on this continent, to join in congratulations that the foundations were so well laid by the fathers, and that upon them has been erected so goodly a superstructure by three generations of their sons. We do well to honor the occasion with all the graces of speech and song, with the perfume and beauty of flowers, with the waving of banners, and the display of every emblem of joy and gratitude.

To one of our Past Deputy Grand Masters I have assigned the part of orator on this occasion. He will give life and strength and beauty to the skeleton I have presented. His ready pen and fluent tongue will bring forth things new and

old, and instruct and delight you, as they have many times heretofore. Brethren, I now present to you our R.W. Bro. Charles Levi Woodbury.

R.W. Charles Levi Woodbury delivered the following oration: —

ORATION OF R.W. BRO. WOODBURY.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge: —The noble deeds of the worthies of the past find their most permanent monuments in the hearts of their descendants. The eloquence of orators for a century has been exhausted in describing the patriotic services of our countrymen a hundred years since in the cause of civil liberty. The press groans with the well-merited records of their worthiness. Stately monuments to their memory vex the winds of heaven in their courses. Their names, wherever the iron heel of oppression spurns the just claim of humanity to liberty and equality, have become talismans, inspiring the one to confidence and energy, intimidating the other as the handwriting on the wall.

Humble, unaspiring, social and benevolent as is our Society, it existed here long before those days. In that time of the overthrow and reorganization of political institutions it had its own work of self-reorganization to accomplish, and its future course to shape.

Many of the noble men we, in common with our fellow-citizens, honor as the lights of liberty a century ago, have on our hearts a further bond of sympathy, in this that they were of our Craft, and in our Lodges had received lessons of liberty, equality, order and humanity, which strengthened their virtues and aided to give form and point to their self-reliant characters.

So far as these gentlemen are connected with the rule and

direction of our Society in those days, I shall not hesitate to use their illustrious names in the exposition of my subject, leaving in the veiled recesses of our records the history of the Masonry of others of those generous patriots.

Embodiment of the two Grand Lodges which existed here at the beginning of the Revolution by means of a perfected union subsequently made, this Grand Lodge has assembled to-day with their honored guests, the representatives of her sister Grand Lodges of other States, to perform solemn Centennial rites in honor of those of our Brethren, who, a century ago, then forming the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, rose to the full measure of the spirit of the times, threw off all dependence on foreign Masonry, and assumed, and maintained their independence and self-government.

This subject is intimately connected with the outbreak of the Revolution in Massachusetts. Striking analogies exist between the political Revolution of 1775 and this event, both in the principles asserted, and in the men interested. As its success was ours, so also was it the origin of our movement.

The causes that induced the political revolution were wrongs and outrages perpetrated on the colonies by the Parliament and King of Great Britain. The American people endured with a lingering hope of redress from the king, and claimed equality, representation and protection in lieu of subjection and inferiority. When the light was kindled, there came with the assertion of liberty and independence the confidence born of experience, that man was capable of self-government, and must struggle to attain it if he would enjoy it.

In Masonry we had no wrongs to endure from the Grand Lodges of Great Britain; no oppressions, no burning quarrels on Masonic jurisprudence.

The Grand Lodges had given us Provincial Grand Masters of

worth, ability and popularity here ; the individual Lodges had enjoyed every Masonic privilege consistent with a provincial character. No breath of outrage. A son of nineteen could not have been better treated by a fond but judicious father. The bonds of Fraternity were preserved in the Masonic heart. The form of government of Masonic society was not disliked ; its landmarks were then and ever have been inexpressibly dear to us. Had the British parliament or the British king treated these colonies with half the kindness and brotherhood shown by the Masonic authorities, it would not have been Otis, Hancock, Warren and Revere, nor men of their generation, that would have fired the American heart with indignation, and led the way to this republic.

There is a time when the son grows to be a man ; when the father yields the sceptre without impeachment of love ; when tutelage is set aside, and independence and self-reliance take their place. This is true in the family circle, in the relation of colonies to a mother-country. In the business of life a partnership is dissolved after achieved success, and the funds divided among the particulars without diminution of love and friendship in the concern. This event may happen in a great social institution existing in two countries, with divers members, political relations and duties, without a breach of friendship or of right.

Such was the case with the Freemasonry of Massachusetts. It was capable of self-government, accustomed substantially to its privileges, and felt no fear of failure in its struggle for existence.

Had not the British government irritated our people into a resort to arms to protect their liberties, this might not have taken place, — certainly, not then. Masonry is not a political institution. It proclaims the principles of universal Brother-

hood and religious toleration; it claims the right to exist everywhere; and, because of this universalism of its creed, it disclaims political bias, or affinities, and recognizes the right of the Brethren of every nationality to form their organization entirely separate and independent from that of any other nation. Thus, while they remain social, they avoid any danger of becoming used as a diplomatique machine by foreign influences to contend against the government where it exists.

This political independence of foreign obligations or powers enables the loyal Mason of every country to give his heart and hand fully and freely to the service of his own country. He has no other flag, no other political obligation but its laws and constitutions.

Let me be understood carefully. We of Massachusetts and the colonies had no Masonic grievances to complain of. As citizens we had political grievances in common with all our patriots. The fiery eloquence of our Brothers, James Otis and Joseph Warren, had told them often and long before the outburst of the pent volcano. The Continental Congress formed in 1775, whose Declaration of Independence in 1776 severed the political bonds that bound them to Great Britain, made our separation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland and our distinct organization a matter of political duty in the hearts of most patriots of our Provincial Grand Lodge and its subordinates; and on this day one century ago, the Massachusetts Grand Lodge set up definitely and forever for herself, and began the construction of that theory of Territorial Grand Lodge Jurisdiction now acknowledged in America, and even in England, as embodying the true line of reason and Masonic right on the subject.

The history of this event deserves to be written by an able student. Our Past Grand Master, Judge Gardner, amid the

labors of his profession, has found time to sketch its leading features; I would he could find the leisure to write it in full, as he is peculiarly competent to do.

To him and to Past Grand Master Nickerson, and the Grand Secretary Titus, and to Brother Willis, of St. Andrew's Lodge, I am indebted for much assistance in my researches.

In 1733 the Grand Lodge of England had established a provincial Grand Lodge in Massachusetts, and commissioned Henry Price as the Provincial Grand Master. This was the Saint John's Grand Lodge.

In 1756 the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Lord Aberdour, Grand Master, chartered the St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston.

The tentative formation of a Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons followed, which petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master, and in 1769, May 30th, Joseph Warren, M.D., was commissioned to be the Grand Master of Masons, under the Scotch jurisdiction, for Boston and a hundred miles around. On the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, Dec. 27, 1769, he was installed, and this Grand Lodge constituted.

In 1772, March 8d, the Earl of Dumfries, Grand Master of Scotland, granted a commission to Joseph Warren, Esq., as Grand Master of Masons for the Continent of America, — which was read at the Quarterly Communication, Dec. 27, 1773. The following year the events we propose to trace began to assume shape and form.

The officers installed on Dec. 27, 1774, were —

R.W. Ezra Collins, Senior Grand Warden.

R.W. Samuel Barrett, Junior Grand Warden.

John Lowell, Grand Treasurer.

William Hoskins, Grand Secretary.

Warren being still the Provincial Grand Master.

Let me state the condition of these colonies according to the recognized Masonic Code of that time in Great Britain. They were not within the exclusive jurisdiction of either of the Grand Lodges of that empire ; but, being political dependencies, each of these Grand Lodges had the right to propagate and protect its own Masonry there by chartering Lodges, and by the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master, with authority in his Warrant to organize its adherents into a Provincial Grand Lodge, and to grant other Charters, etc. It was what we now sometimes call missionary ground, because there is no exclusive local authority.

Thus two Provincial Grand Lodges held their Orient at Boston ; R.W. John Rowe being Provincial Grand Master of the St. John's Grand Lodge, holding of the "Modern" Grand Lodge of England ; R.W. Joseph Warren being the Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and practising the "Ancient" or "Old York" Masonry. "Massachusetts" was added to its title in 1782 as parcel of the disclaimer of jurisdiction beyond State lines hereinafter related. No Grand representative of either the "Irish" or "Ancient" Grand Lodges resided in New England.

Political disturbances between the colonies and the mother-country were at kindling heat. Boston was garrisoned by a British army. Threats of war were on every breeze. On the eleventh of December, 1774, our brother, Paul Revere, at the request of the Committee of Vigilance, of whom Grand Master Warren and James Otis were members, had ridden to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to warn the patriots there, who gathered quickly, attacked and captured the British fort "William and Mary," at the mouth of the harbor, and conveyed its arms and munitions of war to the patriots in the interior.

They were led by John Langdon and our Brother John Sullivan, a member of the Holy Lodge of St. John, of Portsmouth, who afterwards was Major General in the Revolutionary army, and, subsequently, Grand Master of New Hampshire.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts met usually at the Green Dragon Tavern, owned by the St. Andrew's Lodge, one of their jurisdiction, and which Mr. Webster called the "Head-quarters of the Revolution."

It is recorded in this respectable Lodge, that on the night of the famed destruction of the tea in Boston harbor they did not hold their regular meeting, in consequence of "having business with the consignees of the foreign tea." Here "the Chiefs" sat (when the Lodge was not in session) in private council, and here the famed "North End Caucuses" rallied for conference with them.

The songs of "the Liberty boys" preserved the name of the Green Dragon as their rallying-place. In fact, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was full of men burning with the revolutionary spirit of resistance to British oppression. Its compeer, the St. John's Grand Lodge, held many notable, vigorous patriots and devoted adherents of liberty. Its Provincial Grand Master, John Rowe, was himself a member of the "Committee of Safety."

The Worshipful Grand Master Warren was a close attendant on his duties, but the last time he appeared in Grand Lodge was March 3d, 1775. Four absences only in his term from regular meetings, and these "caused by public business." Alas, how soon the pressure and exigency of that public business translated his generous spirit to that Grand Lodge on high, where humanity confronts the Supreme Architect, in the hope that its craftsman's work in life may entitle it to receive Master's pay above!

Salem Bridge, Concord, and Lexington, crowded portentously along. The continental spirit was up. The armed yeoman of the Bay State, the mountaineers of New Hampshire, the fishermen of "long-shore" gathered with their fellow-patriots from Connecticut and Rhode Island to make head and blockade the army of King George in the peninsula of Boston.

Occupied by an army of invaders, Boston was not the place where the proscribed leaders of revolutionary ideas could, "in the public interest," prudently attend Lodge meetings, although politics were rigorously excluded from them. British officers, even when craftsmen, were obtuse on the necessity of passing rebel Brethren into their camp to attend such meetings; this disorganized Lodge meetings extremely.

It happened, in connection with these reasons, that much good Masonic society was found at Cambridge among the organized patriots from this and the adjacent States, whose names cannot be found on the records of visitors to the Boston Lodges during 1775 and '76.

On the 16th of June began the movement to occupy Bunker Hill which brought on the battle of June 17, 1775, with the British Army under Gen. Gage. This battle has been described so often that any repetition would be useless. The investigations of Gen. Devens and his centennial eloquence are fresh in your recollection, still I can refer here to a certain characteristic of this fight, interesting to you, but which his good taste properly excluded there. Our Brethren were there! The Deputy Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge, Col. Richard Gridley, was the engineer who planned the works that Prescott defended, and was himself wounded in the fight. The Grand Master of Massachusetts Grand Lodge, Joseph Warren, laid his life on the altar of his country, leaving a hero's fame, a memory shrined with the romance of a pure purpose, a generous heart and a lofty ambi-

tion for the good of his fellow-men. The acacia and the myrtle around his tomb are as fresh to-day as when Brother Perez Morton delivered his funeral oration, April 8th, 1776.

They were not alone.

The Lodge of the Holy St. John, at Portsmouth, which was a member of St. John's Grand Lodge here, mourned her member; Maj. Andrew McCleary, of Stark's New Hampshire regiment, laid his life upon the altar of liberty. His comrades and Brethren, Col. John Stark and Capt. Henry Dearborn (the last of the same Lodge), sent the sorrowful news back to the mountains of Hillsboro' and the green vales of Rockingham, where his memory is still fresh and green, foremost of the long list of the men of the Granite State who cemented, with their blood, the cornerstone of the future liberties of America.

I will not attempt a list of all our Brethren who were there on the side of liberty.

Like the Knights of the Temple and of St. John in their generous rivalry in the Crusades, so these Grand Masters shed their blood for their faith in liberty; and with them in generous equality and fraternity many a large-hearted apprentice and faithful craftsman watered that field with his life's current, unheeding whether fame should bear his name to posterity so that he did his utmost for liberty.

The acacia assumed its prerogative in both of our Grand Lodges. Hardly, I presume, was there a Lodge in the State which had not one or more martyred Brother to mourn. Connecticut also shared in Masonic sacrifices. Yet the woe of America was so mingled with exultation at the heroic energy of her militia in that struggle with the best regulars of Great Britain, that she forbore to chide at fortune, and pressed the holy war with increased energy. A grateful country has bestowed the name

of Warren on a fortress in Boston harbor, and that of McCleary on another in Portsmouth harbor.

Gridley survived, with Putnam, Stark, Dearborn and others, to perform further services for liberty and Masonry. Gen. Warren, as you know, had presided, the day before his death, at the Provincial Congress, and, although commissioned as a major general, fought as a volunteer.

Here let me interject the remark, that a much-neglected Masonic duty belongs to those ancient Lodges which existed in the days of our Revolution. I would that each of them should collate and report to their Grand Lodge the Masonic history of the worthies among their members who performed civil or military duties in that great struggle for liberty. Such lists would form an American Battle Abbey Roll, but of defenders, to descend with our Craft to distant ages, the undying witnesses of the natural alliance of good Masonry with ardent and devoted patriotism in every honest heart.

On the fifteenth of June the Continental Congress had commissioned another Masonic Brother to take command of the army at Cambridge, — George Washington, of Virginia, — who, arriving, pressed the siege with vigor until March 17, 1776, when the British evacuated the city, and the American troops entered Boston in triumph, welcomed by decimated and half-starved citizens. It was a day of rejoicing and reunion, of thanksgiving and of gladness. The officers of her Grand Lodges now, when public business admitted their presence, could assemble and take counsel for the good of the Craft. But the times had changed. A year of fierce war, and pertinacious resolution on the part of the imperial Parliament to reduce these colonies to abject civil slavery, had weaned the colonies from every lingering hope in King or Parliament. The stern counsels of the fiery patriots, that they must help themselves and God

would help them, at length had carried conviction to every sensible patriot, and the cry for independence came from their inmost hearts. On the Fourth of July they burst the last swaddling-band of dependence, and stood before the world on the platform of their inalienable and natural right of self-government, "free, sovereign, and independent."

A GRAND LODGE.

The American mind was already reasoning in the new channel our Brother Franklin had long been sounding and marking out for them. In Masonic matters the same urgency existed. The war had severed communications with the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and had rendered them inexpedient to each side, even were they practical. Comities and kindness between the Masonic belligerents often existed where Masonic charity was required, and the proprieties of war admitted their exercise. The aid of the mother Grand Lodges had ceased to be necessary for the support of Masonry in America.

These English colonies had been part of the British Empire, and no other European Grand Lodge, consistent with Masonic institutions, could rightfully interfere in their organizations. The question lay between the mother Grand Lodges and colonial Masonry. Their Provincial Grand Lodges had a frame of government and staff of officers, but were not responsible to the Craft under them for the due exercise of their powers. "The light" had been communicated under political restrictions, now extinct, and the Craft here had the right to the exclusive enjoyment of its benefits, and control of its organization in the independent colonies.

To become independent it was requisite that the lawful Lodges and Brethren here organized as a Grand Lodge should elect and install their Grand Master, by an act of their own will,

in lieu of nominating to the Foreign Grand Lodge, and receiving therefrom the commission for a Deputy to be installed here by the Lodges. Or the Lodges in a State might constitute a Grand Lodge without any regard to Provincial organization or authority.

Would the change merely dispense with the vassalage to a foreign source? The General Constitutions of the Craft were not proposed to be touched. No question could be made on the Fraternity involved if the Revolution succeeded, and not much of a question if it failed. Our claim was equality in self-government. Masonry, more than any other institution, is conservative of its ancient habitudes and landmarks. The men who, pledging life, fortune, and sacred honor for political liberty, plunged unhesitatingly into a war of revolution without articles of confederation among themselves, who risked everything to obtain the political right of self-government, paused before they touched this government by Masonic love and fraternity, reflected with thoughtful care on the inconveniences it produced, and hesitated with the tenderness of a loving woman before they chipped with reforming chisel a useless cumbering stone from the Masonic edifice they loved for the endearing virtues and broad bonds of fellowship it enshrined.

Situated as this country was, any dependence on the Grand Lodges of those we were engaged in war with was not only irksome, but was a positive injury to the progress and even to the regular and orderly practice of Freemasonry here.

The circumstances which caused this were beyond our control, or, if not literally this, it was inconsistent with our liberty and independence to control them in any other political way than by impressing the British will by arms until they acquiesced in our independence as a people. Masonically, also, they were equally responsible for the effects growing from their

country's conduct toward us as we were for the rebellion it produced. Declare it in the laws of nations and of Masons!

There is no Masonic way that a man can shirk the duty he owes to his country and flag; and there is no Masonic right to charge the performance of such a duty against a man as a Masonic offence.

In those days Masonic historians had not entered far into the study of the rise of Grand Lodges in the various States of Europe. The search for precedents abroad, encumbered as our Masons were with the pressure of an absorbing war, was practically impossible. They were thrown on their own resources, with the Grand Constitutions for a guide, to reason out a solution of their troubles. At this early stage of the Revolution there was some difference of opinion as to what its results might be. It should also be borne in mind that articles of confederation had not yet been agreed between the independent colonies carrying on the war.

Politically and Masonically the period was one of uncertainty; the transitions not yet sufficiently advanced to indicate the future of either. Clearly, in the midst of such a war, neither the patriotic American Lodges nor the loyal British Grand Lodges would attempt to scan the political conduct of their government, or risk communications which, amid such excitement, were liable to misconception, to say the least. The Constitutions clearly relieved the colonial Masons of any necessity to owe a foreign Masonic allegiance after their State had declared its independence and become a *de facto* government. On these points the Masons of 1777 seemed well settled in this Grand Lodge.

We have it from the lips not only of G. M. Webb, but of the not less sterling patriots, Dr. John Warren and Paul Revere, a few years after, that the officers and members of the Grand

Lodge were called together and considered the misfortunes of the position the death of G. M. Warren had placed them in, and weighed carefully the Masonic Constitutions and laws. They came to the conclusion, a Grand Lodge sprung only from the Masonic authority within the State, and that foreign bodies had no lawful participation in its creation; they then assumed the powers of a Grand Lodge for Massachusetts. Eight years after this event, they say, never have we seen occasion to recede from the principles of their separation then adopted. I append both of these documents. These honest and fearless sentiments deserve to be embalmed in your memories. They mark the mental courage and bold resolution of our ancestors, and lay at the base of the American System of Freemasonry.

One of the most persistent troubles in the minds of many Masons in the colonies arose from the question whether in their independent organizations the assent of their mother Grand Lodges ought to be procured, and a Charter be obtained from them for an independent Grand Lodge and Grand Master. These were novel questions, and troublesome to others than the Massachusetts Grand Lodge. In many of the States the Craft considered, contenting itself to do its Lodge-work, endure the evils of their position, and wait for peace before attempting their solution.

Virginia and Massachusetts were more alive to the necessity of the emergency, and perhaps also more ready to grapple with and discuss abstract questions, as they were the leaders in the war of independence, and their example was influential.

The Massachusetts Provincial Grand Lodge, which had not met since the death of their Grand Master Warren, till after the evacuation of Boston, March 17, 1776, held informal meetings of such of its officers as could be reached, at various times in 1776, and their claim to precedence in burying Gen. War-

ren's remains with Masonic honors being allowed by the Congress of the State, and that duty being performed, held the Festival of St. John the Evangelist December 27, 1776, with a very numerous and distinguished company of Brethren. As a *Provincial* Grand Lodge, their Grand Master being dead, it was doubted whether the powers of his Deputy to grant Charters did not expire with him who conferred them, and, if so, was not the usefulness of the Provincial Grand Lodge in abeyance? The weight of opinion favored the proposition that the Deputy Grand Master did not succeed to the powers of the dead Grand Master, and the course adopted was judiciously framed to provide whatever of Grand Lodge authority had expired.

THE INDEPENDENT GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

"1777, February 17th. This Grand Lodge was again called together on business. The Deputy Grand Master, Joseph Webb, presiding. A petition of Seth Deane and others for a Charter to erect a Lodge in Stockbridge was presented and postponed; and it was 'voted' that the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master was requested to summon the Masters and Wardens of all the Lodges within the jurisdiction to assemble at Boston, to take into consideration the state of the Grand Lodge, and act thereon as might be thought proper."

They were resolved that the work of Masonry should not cease. March 7th they met and continued over.

"1777, March 8th. The Brethren assembled accordingly, at the 'Green Dragon,' and resolved to form a Grand Lodge, when the following officers were elected and invested:—

"Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Grand Master.

"Right Worshipful Moses Deshon, Deputy Grand Master.

"Right Worshipful Samuel Barrett, Senior Grand Warden.

“ Right Worshipful Paul Revere, Junior Grand Warden.

“ John Lowell, Grand Treasurer.

“ Nathaniel Pierce, Grand Secretary.”

And the first independent Grand Lodge in America was established in AMPLE FORM; eight Masters and Past Masters being present with others.

It was no shivering infant, surrounded by foreign nurses, that came puling and screaming into the world. In the dread crater of a war of liberty, amid the throes of social reorganization, she saw THE LIGHT, and saluted its grand representatives; springing full grown and armed out of the loins of the Scotch Lodges of this Commonwealth, as Pallas from the brain of Jove, she stood upright, the emblem of the Palingenesis of Freemasonry in the new world of liberty, equality and fraternity.

Beneath the official jewels of the Grand Officers just installed, might be seen traces of the military uniform of its Grand Master, then a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Continental Artillery, and of its Junior Warden, Paul Revere, then also a Lieutenant-Colonel. Many of the stern and war-tried Masons who stood around as representatives of their Lodges, like Nehemiah of old, bore the sword and the trowel as they worked at the structure of the new temple.

Entick's Constitutions, varied only to make the Grand Officers elective, were adopted. A mother Grand Lodge was thus created. Her candlesticks were lighted with the undying flame of Masonry, and her maternal duties began that selfsame evening which saw her birth. “ The prayer of the petition of Seth Deane and others was heard and answered.”

A Charter was granted by her Grand Master to Berkshire Lodge, to be located at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and when the Grand Lodge closed on that night whose centennial we cele-

brate, she was not only a Grand Lodge, free, sovereign, and independent before her sister Grand Lodges of the world, but unto her a child was born; she stood among them a teeming mother Grand Lodge — a matron in Masonry.

Out of the depths of chaos had sprung forth order; wherefore we are here to-night.

THE PROGRESS OF INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION.

When a provincial Grand Lodge, there had been four Lodges under this Scotch jurisdiction; three of them were represented on this night: St. Andrew's of Boston, Tyrian of Gloucester, and St. Peter's of Newburyport.

The other, the Massachusetts Lodge, had closed Feb. 6, 1775, and had not yet been able to resume Masonic labors. When the exigencies of public service permitted the reunion of its scattered members, it held its next meeting, and opened Dec. 9, 1778, when it elected as Master, William Palfrey, then or soon after Paymaster-General of the army, and other officers. The organization completed, the Lodge voted the same night, "That the Worshipful Master be desired to wait on the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and inform him that the Massachusetts Lodge No. 2 have met, and made choice of their officers, and that they are ready to attend the Grand Lodge whenever proper summons shall be issued for that purpose."

Thus all the Lodges who had known Warren as Grand Master were gathered within the folds of the Independent Grand Lodge.

The new Massachusetts Grand Lodge held the Feast of St. John the Baptist June 24, 1777, with a large and brilliant party of Masons, and on St. John the Evangelist's day a public oration was delivered before them by Hon. Perez Morton.

It is unnecessary to follow her successive meetings, except to

note the fervency and zeal with which Grand Master Webb spread Old York Masonry within the States. Charter after Charter, at an unprecedented rate, was issued to petitioning **Brothers** here and in numerous other States. Army Lodges also were chartered, which will elsewhere be referred to. Some fourteen Lodges were chartered prior to 1784.

St. John's Grand Lodge also during the war granted a small number of Charters to local Lodges, and one to an army Lodge in the camp at Roxbury during the siege of Boston; although no meetings of the Grand Lodge were held. The principles of Freemasonry appeared to gain ground, amid the struggle for political liberty, and the increase of the Brethren exceeded any thing previously known in the history of the Craft in America.

VIRGINIA.

The first State who followed in the line of independence was Virginia. Her situation was peculiar. The Lodges in her boundaries had been chartered by five district mother Grand Lodges, one being a provincial. There also was a provincial Grand Master of England, "Modern," who appears not to have organized a Grand Lodge in the old Dominion, nor, if I apprehend rightly, any Lodge.

The isolation of her Lodges consequently was extreme. The Virginia records state that on May 6, 1777, a convention of five Lodges was held at Williamsburg to consider their condition, and which organized and voted that a Grand Master ought to be chosen, and adjourned to the 13th, when their committee, **Brothers** Rose and Waddill at their head, reported reasons: their want of unity of origin; that a foreign appointed Grand Master was of no benefit to Masonry; that abuses could not be rectified as they were then circumstanced; nor could new Lodges be

chartered ; and also that the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland were self-organized by the craftsmen of those kingdoms by mutual consent, without foreign aid ; and concluded, “ We therefore conclude that we have, and ought to hold, the same rights and privileges that Masons in all time heretofore have confessedly enjoyed,” and ask for a meeting on the 23d of June to elect a Grand Master for Virginia. On which day, some scruples as to regularity arising, they put off the election, and suggested that their mother Grand Lodges should have a year’s time to make a joint and several appointment of one worthy Mason here, with authority for him to return the power of election to the Lodges here in convention, so that they always hereafter could elect officers and organize a Grand Lodge.

They also recommended “ His Excellency Gen. George Washington as a proper person to fill the office of Grand Master.”

It is presumed the foreign Grand Lodges either failed to receive or disregarded the request, for, on Oct. 13th, 1778, the convention again met, four Lodges represented, and resolved that the powers of Cornelius Harnet as Deputy Grand Master of America do not now exist, and the chartered Lodges of the State should be subject to the Grand Master of the State. They then elected and installed the Right Worshipful John Blair, Past Master of the Williamsburg Lodge, into the office of Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Virginia, who thereupon appointed and installed his officers, and on that day the second independent Grand Lodge in America was created and began its career of usefulness and renown.

Prior to the date of this installation of Grand Master Blair in Virginia, the records of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge show that she had in this jurisdiction already, since her organization, chartered and established four new Lodges, additional to the constituent Bodies that came to her from the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Through the heat of the war these two independent Grand Lodges stood the lone pillars, resting on the new-born political liberty of the Confederate States.

It was not till 1783 that Maryland became the third independent Grand Lodge, and thus perfected a Masonic Triad of independents. The several provincial Grand Lodges who worked through the war did much faithful service, and the Masons of their jurisdictions were deeply imbued with zeal for the revolutionary cause. Their records show a galaxy of names whose fame and glory are part of the proudest possessions of the whole Masonic community. "One star differeth from another in glory." Massachusetts may fairly claim one differentiated point in the equality of their common glories, which is, that she is the elder of the sisterhood of independent Grand Lodges of the United States, and in unison with Virginia (although curious as it may seem to us there does not appear to have been any correspondence between them, and some doubt whether they knew of each other's proceedings), laid the plans, made the models and founded the school of art on which every Grand Lodge of America has since been constituted.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Brother Mackay, in his history of the South Carolina Grand Lodge, claims that, at some time in 1777, the Provincial Grand Master, Leigh, being in England, the Provincial Grand Lodge elected Hon. Barnard Elliott, and proclaimed him "Grand Master of Masons in the State." He died in the following year. No meetings of this Body were held in 1779 or '80.

No copy of the records accompanying Brother Mackay's claim, a doubt arises. Sabine says Leigh arrived from Charleston, in 1782, in England.

Mackay states that in December, 1781, this same Provincial Grand Lodge, ignoring Elliott entirely, met on the death of

their Grand Master Leigh, and elected John Deas, Esq., Provincial Grand Master, who thenceforward exercised the jurisdiction. Dalcho, the historian, in official publications of South Carolina Grand Lodge, gives 1786 as the year her Grand Lodge was formed. If Elliott's election was intended as a proclamation of State independence Masonically, the experiment failed, and was abandoned by the Craft, and did no Masonic work. The Provincial Grand Lodge was the only Grand Body alive, and it continued to assemble after the peace, possibly until 1786. Ardent patriots grew heart-sick as the pall of British military occupation, during long years, rested on their fair land, and Masonry languished in face of conditions it could not control, until after the British evacuation of that State.

The following list of the dates of the formation of the several independent State Grand Lodges has been furnished me as accurate : —

1.	Massachusetts	.	.	.	.	.	1777
2.	Virginia .	.	.	.	.	.	1778, Oct. 13.
3.	Maryland	.	.	.	.	.	1783
4.	Pennsylvania .	.	.	.	.	.	1786
5.	Georgia .	.	.	.	.	.	1786
6.	New Jersey .	.	.	.	.	.	1786
7.	New York .	.	.	.	.	.	1787
8.	North Carolina	.	.	.	.	.	1787
9.	South Carolina	.	.	.	.	.	1787*
10.	Connecticut .	.	.	.	.	.	1789†
11.	New Hampshire	.	.	.	.	.	1789
12.	Rhode Island .	.	.	.	.	.	1791
13.	Delaware .	.	.	.	.	.	1806

* It is quite possible that 1783 is a more correct date. Without access to scan records, I have no decisive opinion. See Morris' *History Freemasonry*, p. 56; Mackay's *History South Carolina Grand Lodge*.

† Connecticut began conventions in 1783, looking to this end. She did not actually form a Grand Lodge until 1789.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The growth and progress of Massachusetts Grand Lodge during the war was due to a remarkable class of civilians whom she gathered into her bosom. The meetings were regularly held. Much care was bestowed on her festivals. Public orations, sermons, and Masonic charges by distinguished men were delivered to admiring general audiences and Craftsmen, printed and published. The arts and sciences of the Craft were impressed by the most eloquent men of the day that the church, the medical art and the bar could produce. Statesmen of no mean rank swelled the list of her orators. In the few years between her organization and the union I find Perez Morton, who for several decades was Attorney-General of this State, and Gov. Christopher Gore, representing the bar and Congress, Dr. John Warren and Dr. Josiah Bartlett, eminent disciples of Galen, and the Reverend Simeon Howard and John Elliot representing the clergy of the orthodox and modern liberal schools.

Also, unpublished orations, sermons and charges were delivered before them by the Revs. Bentley, Parker, of Charlestown, and Brother Israel Keith. The dignity and brilliancy of the Grand Lodge during these troublous times need no eulogium from me. The ability in its counsels is conspicuous. The old "caucus" element, the substantial mechanics and traders of Boston, who "awoke the *North* wind to stir the troubled sea," furnished the larger quota of sagacious and leading officers to its organization.

Its Charters were sought by the Craft in Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as in the army, with avidity. Among others, Washington Army Lodge was chartered, Gen. Patterson being made Master. When the war began, there

were seventeen Lodges under the St. John's Grand Lodge, and from their representing a difference in work as well as origin from the Massachusetts, as well as from the rapid growth of the latter, it naturally arose that the action of the smaller body should be severely questioned. Undoubtedly this took place; for, in 1782, a committee of Massachusetts Grand Lodge was directed to report a declaration of the reasons on which it justified the grounds it had occupied during the past five years.

The committee were, Perez Morton, Paul Revere, John Warren, James Avery, and John Juteau.

They reported September 30th, 1782. So terse, sound and broad is this exposition, that I feel the whole should go before you as a monument of the work of the Craftsmen, and have appended it to this address.

In March, 1783, the newspapers spread the news that peace had been agreed upon after eight years of war. With peace was an accomplished independence of the thirteen States of the confederacy. The right of Masonic independence hung no longer on the uncertainties of a prostrating war. Those of the Craft who had lingered under provincial or European authority had need of light to guide them in the paths of progress. To the masses, Grand Lodge organization and rules of jurisdiction were a mystery. Who was more able to give light than the pioneer? or more willing to aid the Brethren in receiving it? The significance of this report will at once be seen. Its theories of jurisdiction were accepted, and ten States took the line of march in rapid succession in the way it pointed out. The Lodges of each State organized their own Grand Lodge, and defined an exclusive jurisdiction co-terminal with their own State lines.

ARMY LODGES.

Although it is slightly irrelevant to my subject-matter, yet at the risk of that criticism I desire to say a few words as to the Army Lodges in the Continental army. I find one, "The American Union," chartered by the St. Johns; another, "Washington Lodge No. 10," by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge. There were eight others, the oldest being St. Johns, granted by New York, 1775. Masonry was pursued by them with zeal; clandestine Lodges were denounced and exposed; the local jurisdiction of Grand Masters was respected, and permission courteously applied for and obtained when the movements of the armies brought them within their exclusive territories. This, indeed, is expressly required in the Charter granted by Provincial Grand Master Rowe, February 15, 1776, to the American Union Lodge, and also in Charters granted by the Pennsylvania Provincial Grand Lodge.

In looking over the records of the American Union Lodge preserved in the Connecticut archives, I was struck with the number of the visitors, and character, and varied residence. At one time Gen. Putnam, at another, "Brother Washington," Bros. Hamilton, Schuyler and numerous others, more than sixty-four, distinguished in the ranks of the army, appear partakers of the generous hospitality of the Masons of the Connecticut line.

At their banquets the second regular sentiment was, "The memory of Warren, Wooster, and Montgomery." General Wooster, who was killed in battle in 1777, was Past Master of Hiram Lodge in Connecticut, chartered by St. John's Grand Lodge. A Lodge at Colchester, in Connecticut, originally chartered in 1781 by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, was named for him, and still exists.

Gen. Montgomery, who fell in 1778, in the attack on Quebec, was of New York. He was of that Masonic society who gathered under Washington at Cambridge, in the beginning of the war. A Lodge at Salisbury, Connecticut, was chartered March 5th, 1783, by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, and named, in his honor, "Montgomery Lodge."

There was an important limitation put upon Army Lodges by Massachusetts Grand Lodge prior to the Revolution (1773), which I believe the other Provincial Grand Lodges held in common with her, viz.: that an Army Lodge should not make a Mason of a civilian, without express authority and permission from the Grand Lodge within whose territory it was commorant at the time.

The diffusion of Freemasonry among the States was much promoted by these Lodges, and great benefits came from the free social intercourse they offered to those previously made in various jurisdictions. Even the stringency of the distinction between "Ancients" and "Moderns" lost much of its potency through their neutralizing influence. Masonry in the United States owes more than one debt of gratitude to these soldier Masons of the Revolution. General Putnam, afterwards first Grand Master of Ohio, was made in this Lodge.

"Washington No. 10" has never had its records printed. The returns from this Lodge are in our archives, and as a curiosity I annex a part of them. I have failed to discover its records. The returns made in 1782 give a complete list of those who were members, or had been made during its existence; if my count is right two hundred and forty-five names are on the record. From this you may judge how Masonry diffused itself in the Continental army. Gov. Brooks, then Lieut.-Col., was a member of this Lodge, and delivered an oration, June 24,

1782, before it and the American Union. General Tupper, afterward first settler of Marietta, Ohio, was one of its Wardens.

The grantees of this Charter were with the army when it was issued, and Grand Master Webb of "Old York" Massachusetts, constituted W. M. Heart, of American Union, under "Modern" St. John's—his Special Deputy Grand Master to constitute the new Lodge.

A GENERAL GRAND LODGE

was discussed in 1779 and 1780, and for a long time afterwards. A convention of army Masons, under the auspices of American Union Lodge, then appear first to have promoted an appeal to the Grand Lodges of the several States to this end. Gen. M. Gist of the Maryland line was chairman of the convention. The avowed object was to place Gen. Washington in the position of Grand Master. The embarrassments under which Freemasonry labored at the time were not magnified by the petitioners; nor were their kind intentions for the good of the Craft in any wise defective. They appear to have labored under the delusive idea, often common with those not familiar with the law and character of Grand Masonic Bodies, that a Charter is needful to organize an Independent Grand Lodge, and therefore desired that one should be procured from "the mother Grand Lodge in England," forgetting, as shown in Virginia's case, that there were four in Great Britain of these matrons, whose co-operation, were the petitioners right in their law, must be secured. They wisely entreated that the distinctions between "Ancients" and "Moderns" should be obliterated; but forbore to show how the three "Ancient" and one "Modern" Grand Lodges of Great Britain, in the very ecstasy of their difference, should instruct their children here to this end.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania also advocated this idea. The plan signally failed, and gave place to the more natural and simple one of Massachusetts, — for each independent State to form a Grand Lodge, to be and to hold of the authority of the Masons of the lawfully existing Lodges of the State.

This was harmonious with the State sovereignty of the era, as nearly all the old thirteen States completed their independent Masonic organization before the Articles of Confederation of the United States were succeeded by the Constitution adopted in 1789. Massachusetts alone preceded the articles of Confederation.

When we reflect that it took a member of Congress three weeks to ride from Boston to Philadelphia, and consider the expense actual representation would cause to particular Lodges, we see another reason why the scheme failed. State Lodges have got on together for near a century very harmoniously by means of their common regard for the old Constitutions and landmarks, and their respect for the opinions of each other, in all questions affecting the equality of their rights.

In 1781, Jan. 9, the Massachusetts Grand Lodge voted to postpone the Grand Master General subject, "until a general peace shall happily take place." But agitation of the question continued for several years.

From a mass of records I have selected some of the correspondence between Pennsylvania and this Grand Lodge to illustrate the then current lines of thought. G. M. Webb was convinced the Grand Lodges of the States never would consent to become provincial, or subordinate to any Central Grand Lodge. Nor was Pennsylvania restrained by love for provincial relations. In seeking independence she preferred a General Grand Lodge as its means; otherwise her Brethren

would have been in the forefront of its asserters through State organization.

The efforts of Pennsylvania and the Army Lodges for this object did the great good of rousing Freemasonry from lethargy by the impressive testimony they bore that the ancient régime of foreign dependence was melting away, and successors must be provided on this continent. Looking back now to the natural selection which irresistibly preferred State organizations to a general Grand Lodge for our social needs, we cannot fail to rejoice that all these plans were fairly submitted to our clear-headed ancestors for their selection.

There is a fascination to a class of minds in impracticable ideas; this suggestion of a General Grand Lodge was several times renewed prior to 1820 with considerable energy, but every time signally defeated. It was again brought forward in 1822, 1847, 1853, and 1859, but with decreasing force.

We do not desire to delegate our dearly-bought independence in each State, and reduce our representative Grand Lodges into provincial vassalage, no matter how lofty the fame and virtues may be of those selected as the general functionaries.

STATE INDEPENDENCE AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION WITHIN THE STATE.

There was a minority hard to convince of the propriety of this new departure on the voyage of independent life. Not only in 1782, but again in 1785, did the Massachusetts Grand Lodge feel it expedient to put forth, through able committees, reports vindicating the Masonic regularity of its organization in 1777; and reiterating its views that each Grand Lodge of Masons ought to exercise the sole and exclusive Masonic jurisdiction over all the Masons within the territory of its State. This last doctrine had vaguely entered into Provincial Charters for Grand

Lodges from the same mother authority, throwing a glimmering indication of its future applicability in a broader sense. It was more positively infused into the Charters for Army Lodges granted during the war. Indeed, in a wide sense the abjuring of foreign dominion by the Masons of a State, and the denunciation of any foreign invasion of its territory are substantially parts of the same thought, the essence of self-government and liberty.

Probably but for the fact that Masonic Lodges of two origins, the "Ancients," and the "Moderns," existed in most of the leading States, and claimed to be essentially different in their work and Constitutions, there would have been an early, if not immediate unqualified acceptance of the rule of exclusive jurisdiction in its widest sense.

This division had to be overcome by wisdom and a true sense of Masonic fraternity. When Massachusetts, by a generous and conciliating course, had healed the divisions in her territory, and formed the two pre-existing Grand Lodges into one Grand Lodge of all the Masons of the State,—except St. Andrew's Lodge, which had divided in 1773, a part adhering to her, which subsequently became the "Rising States,"—she again turned her attention to the strengthening of State jurisdictions, and acted in 1792, December 10, by formally disclaiming any right on her part to charter Lodges or retain in her jurisdiction Lodges within the limits of any State having a Grand Lodge. She also endeavored to enlist her sister Grand Lodges in the absolute declaration of this principle.

North Carolina, New York and Connecticut accepted, and made like declarations at once. I find, in a subsequent controversy with Kentucky, in 1811, North Carolina, referring to her acceptance in 1796 of this Massachusetts conventional article as the evidence of her authority, and Kentucky, after due inquiry

of Virginia, her origin, acceding to its general Masonic landmark character, as applicable to their controversy. New Jersey also, in subsequent years, frequently appealed to and recognized its principle as settled doctrine. My leisure has not permitted me to trace its further progress by steps. The vote of Massachusetts in 1792, Dec. 10, was, "That all Lodges commissioned by proper authority, which are holden in any of the United States where no Grand Lodge is established, may retain their connection with this Grand Lodge, agreeably to Constitutions, section 1, article 5." In 1785, in her letter to the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, the committee expressly say that already the Grand Lodge had been acting on this principle, and, in her form of Charters to Lodges out of the State, had resorted to Dispensations to enable the Lodges more readily to prepare for and form State Grand Lodges. The ground thus prepared, the seed sown took root and grew to the goodly tree that now shelters and protects us from dissensions.

The rule referred to as part of the convention, pressed by Massachusetts, was this: "No Charter of erection or *Dispensation* shall be granted to any number of Masons residing out of this State, except when the Grand Lodge of the State in which the petitioners reside shall acquiesce therein in writing." The next vote provided there should be no correspondence with Masons in this State who acknowledge the supremacy of any foreign Grand Lodge. This rule has proved so equitable that, practically, to-day our numerous Grand Lodges are on amicable relations. The Brethren in several European nations might take light from this with improved harmony in their limits. A second rule, offshoot of this, prevents the making of Masons out of the jurisdiction of their residence without home consent.

On the basis of these brief but ample principles, without the intervention of any Central Grand authority, the Grand Lodges

of the United States have lived in fraternal union, a spectacle of peace and happiness, the noblest monument of the statesmanship and equity of those long-departed and worthy Masons who adopted, as well as those who blocked them out from the venerable old Constitutions whose authors then lay beneath the dust of incumbent centuries. Infringements rarely have taken place, but the discussion on each occasion has ended in affirming the principle with a more abiding sense of its merits.

ERECTION OF NEW GRAND LODGES.

Directly the war was closed this Grand Lodge was put to the proof of the firmness of her adhesion and the generosity of her devotion to the doctrine of State jurisdiction. The local Lodges in every State of New England had been originated by Charters from one or the other of the Grand Lodges here, with the exception that a few in Connecticut were from New York, who also had scions in New Jersey.

The need of State Masonic Unity led these Lodges to form State Grand Lodges. The surrender of jurisdiction over the children of their loins was the self-abnegation imposed on these mothers in Israel, by their avowed principle. How they shared the feelings of a fond mother when she sees her daughter in bridal array passing out from the parental fireside to enter on a new path of duty may easily be imagined.

In 1783 Connecticut began proceedings to this end, which in 1789 culminated in the formation of a Grand Lodge.

In New Hampshire, in 1789, a Grand Lodge was formed from Lodges chartered here.

Rhode Island and Vermont followed a little later.

Brethren, behold in the seats of honor of this Grand Orient, Representative Grand Masters of these four sovereign Grand Lodges, bearing witness that the fraternity of our hearts has

been neither effaced nor decayed by near a century of separate organization.

Pennsylvania, who with Massachusetts had surpassed the rest in the number of Charters spread beyond her State limits, also had the same heart trials to endure as the Masonry of other States, nearer to her, successively assumed their independence.

The benedictions of the mothers were poured out on the rising Grand Lodges, and they said, "While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be children of light." Honor to all these ancient fountains of Masonry! They bore unflinchingly the test of the sincerity of their convictions that State jurisdictions were essential to the good of Masons and Masonry in the United States.

In after years, as Virginia and North Carolina and Georgia and South Carolina and Maryland saw the young States of the West that had been populated with their emigrants, and whose Masonic fires had been lighted at their altars, rise also and assume independence, they greeted them with words of joy and peace, and sent them forth with a parent's blessing.

WHAT A GRAND LODGE IS TO THE MASONS OF ITS JURISDICTION.

Mr. Justice Wilson, in his Law Lectures, uses the word "State" in its broadest sense. "In free States," says he, "the people form an artificial person or body politic, the highest and noblest that can be known. They form that moral person, which, in one of my former lectures, I described as a complete body of free, natural persons, united together for their common benefit; as having an understanding or a will; as deliberating and resolving and acting; as possessed of interests which it ought to manage; as enjoying rights it ought to maintain, and as lying under the obligations it ought to perform. To this moral person we assign by way of eminence the dignified appellation of State."

Such a moral person the Freemasons here created in 1777, a century ago, and called it the Grand Lodge.

From the time the Brethren of St. Andrew's were busy preparing the tea with salt water, in company with our respected Brother Col. Melville, afterwards the first United States Naval Officer for Boston, up to the day whose anniversary we celebrate, the Brethren of that Provincial Grand Lodge were, if we can trust traditions, robust in action, and, can we judge from the success of their acts, they were of rare wisdom in their Executive Councils.

From the time of her repudiation of all entangling foreign alliance, the duties as well as the responsibility of the sovereignty she had assumed were performed with the rarest sagacity and temperate wisdom during the whole war, and through the transition times, until the inauguration of Gen. Washington, in 1789, set the seal of stability on our union of States.

As the policy of State Grand Lodges became an assured success, the time ripened for her to prove that, beyond her combative and intellectual qualities, she had a liberal, self-sacrificing and bounteous heart for the good of Masons and Masonry in the Old Bay State. During eight years of war, Christianity and Masonry, the handmaids of civilization, had vindicated the practice of humanity amid the stern necessities of war. The State secure from foreign dominion, our bruised arms hung up for monuments, what reason existed that these tried and trusty "Ancients" and "Moderns," who had shoulder to shoulder in field and council stood together, hearts beating in unison, should continue separated in the Lodge-rooms? They knew each other well; the Masonic virtues found an asylum in the hearts of each. The causes of the original division were not beyond a reasonable compromise. While concession for

the sake of union and harmony had brought so glorious a fruit as the American Union, ought not Masonry in Massachusetts to follow this brilliant example, at which so many of our Brothers had assisted, and form a United Grand Lodge, for their own good and for the example?

About an equal number of the Lodges of this State had Charters from each of the two Grand Lodges.

In 1787 St. John's Grand Lodge lost her Provincial Grand Master, John Rowe, Esq., a public-spirited, wealthy and patriotic gentleman, much esteemed in Boston, and often entrusted with its town business ("Rowe's Wharf" still bears his name), who had held that office since Nov. 23, 1768. His Deputy Grand Master, Gen. Gridley, called that Grand Lodge together on the occasion, July 17. It was their first meeting since the war broke out. Usage in that Grand Lodge had sanctioned its power to meet and perform its appropriate functions after its Grand Master had died.

Saint John's Grand Lodge chose, on this evening, Richard Gridley Deputy Grand Master, John Cutler Senior Grand Warden, Samuel Parkman Grand Secretary.

On July 19th, 1790, Samuel Dunn, Junior Grand Warden, and Mungo Mackey, Grand Treasurer, were elected, and some business done regarding subordinate Lodges. In 1792, a Special Grand Lodge was called, to consider the vote of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Dec. 5, 1791, and hear its committee respecting "a complete Masonic union throughout this Commonwealth." This Grand Lodge (St. John's) "being perfectly satisfied, from examining the book of Constitutions, that we have a right to agree to such Union, and, when united, to proceed to the choice of all the officers necessary to rule the Lodge," appointed a committee "to confer and promote the Union, provided it can be effected on true Masonic principles."

To this frank Masonic spirit of harmony it adhered. The committee reported favorably ; a plan was agreed on. In March they met to carry it out, adjusted all necessary matters, adopted the new joint Constitutions, appointed electors who, with those of the other Grand Lodge, on that night elected the Grand Officers, and closed in AMPLE FORM.

The Massachusetts Grand Lodge had long labored for this union.

The death of Grand Master Rowe had left but *one* Grand Master in the State, and therefore a favorable opportunity arose. March 3d, 1787, it was voted "that a committee be appointed to confer with the other Grand Lodge, in order, if possible, to obtain a union among Masons respecting the choice of a Grand Master. The committee were Dr. Warren, Col. Revere, Dr. Bartlett, Mr. Edwards and Col. Scollay. These gentlemen agitated the matter both to the other Grand Lodge and to the subordinate Lodges. On April 6th a new committee, Judge Lowell, Messrs. Edwards, Bartlett, Dexter, Scollay, Hayes and Whipple were appointed ; and another committee in 1791, substantially the same, with addition of M. M. Hays, P.G.M. and Mr. Laughton ; and the work went forward at the house of Samuel Parkman, who, with Messrs. Cutler, Mackie, Dunn, Williams, Dennie and Shaw, were on the St. John's Committee of Conference.

The conferences were successful, and the plans were adopted in this Grand Lodge on March 5th as in the other. The electors were selected, and Massachusetts, with the same generous warmth that had distinguished her in the cause of liberty, now waived off all her claims to the grandmastership of the new Grand Lodge, and unanimously and successfully sustained a gentleman from St. John's Grand Lodge for that high office. Her Grand Master, Moses M. Hayes, the most thorough and perfect

Mason of his generation, the embodiment of its royal art and craft, including its sublimest mysteries, retiring from his high rank, penetrated with the greatest personal pleasure at the accomplishment of the union for which he for three years as Grand Master had pertinaciously labored.

In 1792, March 19th, the union of the Grand Lodge was amply effected by the installation of its Grand Officers, and henceforth there has been one only Grand Lodge of this State, “Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable society of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.”

The provision as to the existing diversity of rites says simply, “All distinctions between Ancient and Modern Masons shall be abolished as far as practical;” and this Grand Lodge for more than twenty years showed the way to union to the two rivals in England, before they gathered impetus enough to follow in the path explored and made straight before them.

Gen. Washington, in congratulating our new Grand Lodge, says, “It is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose Liberal principles are founded in the immutable laws of truth and virtue.”

The officers installed were

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	. . . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN LOWELL	. . . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	. . . . .	Senior Warden.
R.W. MUNGO MACKAY	. . . . .	Junior Warden.
SAMUEL PARKMAN	. . . . .	Grand Treasurer.
THOMAS FARRINGTON	. . . . .	Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM LITTLE,	}	Grand Deacons.
WILLIAM DONNISON,		
JOHN BRAZER,	}	Grand Stewards.
LEWIS HAYT,		
SAMUEL BRADFORD	. . . . .	Grand Marshal.
BENJAMIN RUSSELL	. . . . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.

My hearers, in sketching the transitions of this Grand Lodge, I have unavoidably referred to her sister Grand Lodges, and may have made many omissions of notable points of their connection with that era. Neither my means of investigation nor my time has allowed me more than an imperfect acquaintance with their revolutionary history. My errors have been sins of ignorance. Should I have excited their students to collate and place before the Masonic Fraternity their relations to those events, and sketches of the sagacious and influential members who promoted them, I will have done a service to the Fraternity in this connection that lays nearest to my heart, one that ought to be a full and perfect atonement for my faults.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, I have now briefly traced the proceedings by which Freemasonry in the United States threw off its dependence on foreign Grand Lodges for organization, and denounced their interference in the Masonic affairs of a country made free and independent by the political action of its own people. I have sketched the line by which Masonic boundaries of Grand Lodges here were regulated by State lines. Had the limits of an address admitted it, I could have traced the growth of that comity by which each acknowledged the exclusive right of the other to jurisdiction within its State lines. The wisdom of this doctrine of State rights applied to Masonry, as a restriction on the right of granting Charters, seems to have been conceded from the beginning of the State organizations. Indeed, I doubt whether any Grand Lodge in the United States ever attempted to oppose so just a principle of equality, harmony, and independence, for the support among the Craft of that eminently Masonic principle, order.

I recall but one instance, the conflict of Mississippi and Louisiana, and that really rested on a different question.

When we consider the exquisite Masonic art with which the civilians of the Grand Lodge selected, bound, and cemented together, in laying their foundations, the principles which remain the corner-stones of the Craft government in the United States, we cannot avoid applying to them the language of St. Paul, that "according to the grace of God given unto them, as a skilful master-builder they have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon."

No new principle has been added to their work.

To the union of the Craft in the State they bent their energies with courteous measures, a generous spirit of concession for the sake of union, nothing relaxing until the Masonic fold of this Grand Lodge had received all the regular Lodges in the jurisdiction, including St. Andrew's, which, after a few years of self-inflicted isolation, returned and resumed that eminent rank in the Grand Lodge due to its Revolutionary services in its cause.

To those of us who are of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, these reminiscences have a natural interest, and draw closer around us the common tie which binds us in fraternal union and harmony. In honoring these past worthies, we apply fresh cement where the ravages of time have marked our edifice, revive her buried glories, feel in the depths of our souls that under the holy providence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, there is one Masonry of fraternity, benevolence and love for us, the dead and the living.

To you, the representatives of our sister Grand Lodges whom I see around me, there needs no apology for our efforts to manifest the works of our long past and gone Brethren, which have been tried by fire, and have stood the test. If I have succeeded in showing you that in the transition from the old to the new, from colonial dependence to sovereignty, no

landmark of Freemasonry has been marred or removed; that neither its Shekinah nor its Oracle has been lost, I have vindicated the purity and the fidelity of our departed Brethren; and as you equally with us partake of the fruits of their good works, and enjoy the fraternal right to hail them as of your Craft and Fellowship, I may trust that the dew of your sympathy shall mingle with ours, to revive the withered acacia that droops over their tombs, and evoke the fragrance from its dead leaves that shall hang around the altars of Freemasonry, like a cloud of incense, until the memory of Masons shall no more be known in the land.

COPIES OF OLD DOCUMENTS APPENDED TO THE FORE-
GOING ADDRESS.

REPORT OF BROTHERS PEREZ MORTON, PAUL REVERE, JOHN WARREN, JAMES AVERY, AND JOHN JUTAU, APPOINTED THE COMMITTEE.

December 6, 1782, in a full Grand Lodge, it was considered.

This interesting report, omitting the formal introduction, is as follows: —

“The Commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted to our late Grand Master, Joseph Warren, Esquire, having died with him, and of course his Deputy, whose appointment was derived from his nomination, being no longer in existence, they saw themselves without a head, and without a single Grand Officer, and of course it was evident that not only the Grand Lodge, but all the particular Lodges under its jurisdiction, must cease to assemble, the Brethren be dispersed, the penniless go unassisted, the Craft languish, and Ancient Masonry be extinct in this part of the world.

“That in consequence of a summons from the former Grand Wardens to the Masters and Wardens of all the regular constituted Lodges, a Grand Communication was held to consult and advise on some means to preserve the intercourse of the Brethren.

“That the Political Head of this country, having destroyed all connection and correspondence between the subjects of these States and the country from which the Grand Lodge originally derived its commissioned

authority; and the principles of the Craft, inculcating on its professors submission to the commands of the civil authority of the country they reside in; the Brethren did assume an elective supremacy, and under it chose a Grand Master and Grand Officers, and erected a Grand Lodge with independent powers and prerogatives, to be exercised, however, on principles consistent with and subordinate to the regulations pointed out in the Constitutions of ancient Masonry.

“That the reputation and utility of the Craft, under their jurisdiction, has been most extensively diffused, by the flourishing state of fourteen Lodges constituted by their authority, within a shorter period than that in which three only received Dispensations under the former Grand Lodge.

“That in the history of our Craft we find that in England there are two Grand Lodges, independent of each other, in Scotland the same, and in Ireland their Grand Lodge and Grand Master are independent either of England or Scotland. It is clear that the authority of some of their Grand Lodges originated in assumption; or otherwise they would acknowledge the head from whence they derived.

“Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the doings of the present Grand Lodge were dictated by principles of the clearest necessity, founded in the highest reason, and warranted by precedents of the most approved authority.

“And they beg leave to recommend the following resolutions to be adopted by the Grand Lodge, and engrafted into its Constitutions:—

“I. That the Brethren of the Grand Lodge, in assuming the powers and prerogatives of an independent Grand Lodge, acted from the most laudable motives, and consistently with principles which ought forever to govern Masons, viz.: the benefit of the Craft and the good of mankind, and are warranted in their proceedings by the practice of Ancient Masons in all parts of the world.*

“II. That this Grand Lodge be hereafter known and called by the name of ‘The Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons;’ and that it is free and independent in its government and official authority of any other Grand Lodge or Grand Master in the universe.

“III. That the power and authority of the said Grand Lodge be construed to extend throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to any of the United States, where none other is erected, over such Lodges only as this Grand Lodge has constituted, or shall constitute.

“IV. That the Grand Master for the time being be desired to call in all Charters which were held under the jurisdiction of the late Grand Master, Joseph Warren, Esquire, and return the same with an indorsement thereon, expressive of their recognition of the power and authority of this Grand Lodge.

* “See Calcot, page 107 — Masons’ Pocket Companion, page 92, London edition.”

“V. That no person or persons ought or can, consistently with the rules of Ancient Masonry, use or exercise the powers or prerogatives of an Ancient Grand Master or Grand Lodge, to wit: to give power to erect Lodges of Ancient Masonry, make Masons, appoint superior or Grand Officers, receive dues, or do anything which belongs to the powers or prerogatives of an Ancient Grand Lodge, within any part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the rightful and appropriated limits to which the authority of this Grand Lodge forever hereafter extends.”

This report was signed by Perez Morton, Paul Revere, John Warren, and James Avery. It “was read paragraph by paragraph, and, after mature deliberation thereon, the same was accepted, and ordered to be recorded in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge,” where it now appears, signed by “Jos. Webb, Grand Master.”

The above is taken from the address of R.W. Past Grand Master Gardner, 1870.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE, 1785.

The committee report that in their opinion it will be expedient for this Grand Lodge to comply with the proposal made by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for forming a general convention, and they beg leave to recommend that the following letter be written in answer thereto.

As men and as Masons, the Massachusetts Grand Lodge acknowledge themselves under great obligations to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for their kind attention to the interests of Masonry in general, as well as their laudable disposition towards a friendly and fraternal intercourse with this Grand Lodge in particular.

Soon after the reception of their favor of [date not given] by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Joseph Webb, Esq., an answer was returned acknowledging the same; but as matters of a serious nature respecting the principles therein contained were then in agitation, a committee was chosen to report an

answer to the several propositions, as soon as final decision upon those matters should take place.

It will appear by the declaration of rights of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, a true copy of which is herein enclosed, that this Grand Lodge early adopted the sentiment of a secession from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

In the year 1777 application for Charters of erection and constitution having been made by a number of Masons to the Ancient Grand Lodge, of which the late Joseph Warren, Esq., had been Grand Master, as many of the officers of that Grand Lodge as could be assembled met in form of a Grand Lodge, the Deputy Grand Master then in the Chair, and after carefully attending to the Constitutions and usages of Masons in all ages, and the principles upon which that Grand Lodge existed, they were unanimously of opinion that they could not legally grant Charters, because the late Grand Master, Joseph Warren, held his authority by virtue of a commission given to him only as *provincial* Grand Master, and to be revoked at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Now, the principal being dead, the commission was of consequence vacated.*

They then assumed the powers of a Grand Lodge.

From the foregoing, the principles then adopted by this Grand Lodge, upon which they have practised, and from which they have never seen occasion to recede, may readily be collected.

What is said to be the prevailing opinion among our Brethren of Pennsylvania is therefore exactly coincident with the sentiments as above avowed. With respect to the second circumstance mentioned in the letter this Grand Lodge is an instance.

As to applications for Grand Warrants, it was originally the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the only proper authority for constituting Grand Lodges in these sovereign States was that which should be derived from the people, and that whenever a number of Lodges existed in a free, sovereign, and independent

* You will observe where the Book of Constitutions says in the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy shall fill the Chair, it speaks of a principal Grand Lodge, not of a Provincial Grand Lodge.

State, those Lodges had a right of convening to erect a Grand Lodge; and it appears from the Book of Constitutions that when by reason of revolutions in the State, or the neglect of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Communications had been for some time discontinued, the officers of the respective Lodges assembled, formed a Grand Lodge, and chose a Grand Master accordingly. Should the Grand Lodge of any one State delegate a power to Masons in another State to hold a Grand Lodge, it is clear that the Grand Lodge so constituted must be subjected to that from which the power was derived, a distinction which it was thought ought not to subsist between the Grand Lodges of these United States. The Massachusetts Grand Lodge professing this, when associations were forming in another State did not grant them a Charter in the usual style, but a Dispensation to hold a Lodge and make Masons till there should be a Grand Lodge in that State, — an event which it was thought would probably take place in each of the States of the Union.

Our sentiments with respect to the first query contained in the letter are expressed above, and should each State adopt the plan above mentioned, it is probable the evil mentioned in the second query may be avoided; and as to the application of particular Lodges to foreign Grand Lodges, as they can only be commissioned as provincial Grand Lodges, it appears improbable that the measure will in any instance be adopted.

With respect to the fourth query, it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the most eligible plan for the above purpose is to hold a Chapter, or Convention of Deputies from the several Grand Lodges, at least once in three years, in some central State, where certain articles may be agreed upon for the regulation of all the Lodges in the different States, which will prevent the interference of one Grand Lodge with another. One of these articles may be that should any Lodge in the United States apply and obtain a Commission for holding a Grand Lodge from any foreign power, such Masons shall not have the benefit of visiting, or be received in any Lodge in the Union. One thing we heartily wish, which is that all

the Modern Grand Lodges may be invited to come into the Union, and that there may be but one Grand Lodge in each State. There is a Modern Grand Lodge held in this town, whereof John Rowe, Esq., is Grand Master. Should you agree with us in this sentiment, we wish that a similar circular letter may be sent them as was sent us.

The written report agreed to by

JOHN WARREN,
PAUL REVERE,
JOHN JUTAU.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN "PENNSYLVANIA" AND "MASSACHUSETTS" GRAND LODGES.

PHILAD^A Aug^t 19th. 1780.

SIR, — I do myself the honor to address You, by Order of the *Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons*, regularly constituted in the City of Philadelphia. This Grand Lodge has under its Jurisdiction, in Pennsylvania and the States adjacent, *Thirty-one* different regular Lodges, containing in the whole more than *One thousand* Brethren. Enclosed you have a printed Abstract of some of our late Proceedings, and by that of January 13th last, you will observe that we have, *so far as depends on us*, done that Honor, which we think due, to our illustrious Brother GENERAL WASHINGTON, viz. : the electing him Grand Master over all the Grand Lodges formed or to be formed in these United States; not doubting of the Concurrence of all other Grand Lodges in America to make this Election effectual.

We have been informed by Colonel Palfry^y that there is a Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons in the State of Massachusetts and that you are Grand Master thereof. As such, I am therefore to request you will lay our Proceedings before your Grand Lodge, and request their concurrent voice in the appointment of *General Washington*, as set forth in the said Minute of January 13th which (as far as we have been able to learn) is a Measure highly approved of by all the Brethren, as being for the honor

and advancement of our Royal Art. Your Answer, as soon as convenient, is requested by

Sir,

Your affectionate Brother & most
Obed^t humble servant,

For the Grand Lodge }
of Pennsylvania, }

WILLIAM SMITH,
Grand Sec^y.

JOSEPH WEBB, Esq^r, BOSTON.

Boston, Sep^r. 4, 1780.

S^r. Your Agreeable favor of the 19th Ult^o. I duly rec'd the 31st. covering a printed Abstract of some of the proceedings of your Grand Lodge. I had rec'd one before, near 3 months, from the Master of a travelling Lodge of the Connecticut line, but its not coming officially, did not lay it before the G. Lodge, but the Evening after I rec'd yours, it being Grand Lodge, I laid the Same before them, & had some debate on it. Whereupon it was agreed to adjourn the Lodge for 3 weeks, viz^t. to 22 inst. — likewise to write to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, to Attend, themselves, if Convenient, by their Master & Wardens, if not, to give Instructions to Their Proxies here concerning Acquiescence in the proposal.

I am well assur'd that no One can have any Objection to so illustrious a person as General Washington, to preside as Grand Master of the United States, but at the same time it will be necessary to know from you, his prerogative as such — whether he is to appoint Grand or Provincial Grand Masters of Each State, if so, I am confident that the Grand Lodge of this State will never give up their right of Electing their Own Grand Master, & other Officers annually; this Induces me to write you now, before the result of the Grand Lodge takes place, & must beg an answer from you, by the first Opportunity, that I may be enabled to Lay the same before them. I have not heard of any State, except yours & this State, [that] have proceeded as yet,

since the Independence, to Elect their Officers, but have been hoping that they would.

I do not remember of more Grand Masters being appointed, when we were under the British Government, than S^o Carolina, N^o Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York, & Massachusetts. But now it may be necessary.

I have granted a Charter of Dispensation to New Hampshire, till they shall Appoint a Master of their Own — which [I] suppose will not be very soon — as there is but one Lodge in their State. Inclosed I send you a List of the Officers of our Grand Lodge.

And Have the Honor to be
with Great Respect & Esteem,
Y^r affectionate Brother,
& Hble Serv^t

J. WEBB.

To The REV^d. DR. WILLIAM SMITH,
Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge, Philadelphia. }

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17th, 1780.

Respected Sir, and Right Worshipfull Brother: — Your kind and interesting Letters of Sept^r 4th & 19th by some delay in the Post Office, came both to my hands together; and that not before the 10th Instant. They were both read, and maturely consider'd, at a very full *Grand Lodge* last Evening, and I have it in charge to thank you, and all the worthy Members of the Grand Lodge of the Massachusetts State, for the Brotherly Notice you have been pleased to take of the Proposition, communicated to you, from the Grand Lodge of this State.

We are happy to find that you agree with us in the Necessity of having One compleat Ma^sonic Jurisdiction, under some *One Grand Head*, throughout all these *United States*. It has been a Measure long wished for among the Brethren, especially in the Army, and from them the Request came originally to us, that We might improve the Opportunity, which our central Situation gave us, of setting this Measure on Foot. From these Con-

siderations, joined to an earnest Desire of advancing and doing honor to Masonry, and not from any Affectation of Superiority, or of dictating to any of our Brethren, We put in Nomination, for Grand Master, over all these States, and elected (so far as depended on Us), One of the most illustrious of our Brethren, whose Character does honor to our Whole Fraternity; and who, we were therefore persuaded, would be wholly unexceptionable. When our Proposition and Nomination shou'd be communicated to other Grand Lodges, and ratified by their Concurrence, then, and not before, it was proposed to define the powers of such a *Grand Master General*, and to fix Articles of *Masonic Union* among all the Grand Lodges, by means of a *Convention of Committees* from the different Grand Lodges, to be held at such a time and place, as might be agreed upon. Such Convention may also have power to notify the *Grand Master General* of his Election, present him with his Diploma, & Badges of Office; and *instal* him with due form and Solemnity.

To you, who are so well learned in the Masonic Art, and acquainted with its History, it need not be observed that one *Grand Master General* over many Grand Lodges, having each their Own Grand Master, &c., is no Novel Institution, even if the peculiar Circumstances of the Grand Lodges in America, now separated from the Jurisdiction from whence they first originated, did not render it necessary. We have also a very recent and magnificent Example of the same thing in Europe, which may serve, in respect to the Ceremonies of Installation, &c., as a Model for us. I will copy the paragraph as dated at Stockholm in Sweden, the 21st of March last, as you may not perhaps have seen it.

“The nineteenth of this Month (March, 1780), will always be a memorable day to the Freemasons established in this Kingdom, for on that day the Duke of Sundermania was installed Grand Master of all the Lodges throughout this Kingdom, as well as those of St. Petersburg, Copenhagen, Brunswick, Hamburg, &c. The Lodge at St. Petersburg had sent a Deputy for this Purpose, and others had intrusted the Diploma of the Instalment, to the Baron Leyonhufrud, who had been last year to

Copenhagen, and in Germany on this Negotiation. This Instalment was attended with Great Pomp. The Assembly was composed of more than four hundred Members, and was honor'd with the Presence of the King, who was pleased to grant a Charter to the Lodge taking it under his Royal Protection, at the same time investing the New Grand Master with an Ermin'd Cloak, after which he was placed on a throne, cloathed with the marks of his new Dignity, and there received the Compliments of all the Members, who according to their rank, were admitted to kiss the Hand, the Scepter, or the Cloke of the New Grand Master; and had delivered to them a Silver Medal, struck to perpetuate the Memory of this Solemnity, which passed in Exchange Hall. It is said the King will grant Revenues for the Commanderies, and that this Royal Lodge, acknowledged by others for the *Mother Lodge*, will receive of each, an Annual Tribute. This Solemnity hath raised the Order of Free Masons from a kind of Oblivion into which they were sunk."

What the particular Authorities of the Grand Master of these United States were to be, we had not taken upon us to describe; but (as before hinted) had left them to be settled by a *Convention* of Grand Lodges, or their Committees. This, however, is certain that We never intended the different Provincial or State Grand Lodges should be deprived of the Election of their Own Grand Officers, or of any of their just Masonic Rights and Authorities over the different Lodges within the Bounds of their Jurisdiction.

But where new Lodges are to be erected beyond the Bounds of any legal Grand Lodges now existing, such Lodges are to have their Warrant from the Grand Master General, and when Such Lodges become a Number Sufficient to be formed into one Grand Lodge, the Bounds of Such Grand Lodge are to be described and the Warrant granted by the Grand Master aforesaid, who may also call, and preside in, a *Convention of Grand Lodges*, when any matter of great and general Importance to the Whole United Fraternity in these States, may require it. What other powers may be given to the Grand Master General, and how

Such Powers are to be expressed and drawn up, will be the Business of the Convention proposed.

For want of some general Masonic Authority over all these States, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, *ex necessitate*, has granted Warrants beyond its Bounds, to the Delaware and Maryland States; and you have found it expedient to do the same in New Hampshire; but We know that Necessity alone can be a plea for this.

By what is said above, you will see that it is our idea to have a Grand Master General over all the United States, and each Grand Lodge under him to preserve its own Rights, Jurisdiction, etc., as formerly under the Grand Lodge in Britain, from whence our Grand Lodges in America had their Warrants; and to have this new Masonic Constitution, & the powers of the Grand Master General fixed by a convention of Committees as aforesaid.

Others, we are told, have proposed that there be one Grand Master over all the States, and that the other Masters of Grand Lodges, whether nominated by him, or chosen by their own Grand Lodges, should be considered as his deputies; but we have the same Objections to this which you have, and never had any Idea of establishing such a plan, as hath been suggested before.

This Letter is now swelled to a great Length; we have therefore only to submit two things to your Deliberation: —

1st. Either whether it be best to make your Election of a Grand Master General immediately, and then propose to us a time and place where a Committee from your Body could meet a Committee from Ours, to fix his Powers, and proceed to Instalment, etc., or,

2ndly. Whether you will first appoint such a place of Meeting and fix the powers of the Proposed Grand Master, then return home and proceed to the Election, and afterwards meet anew for Instalment?

This last mode would seem to require too much time, & would not be so agreeable to our worthy Brethren of the army, who are anxious to have the matter speedily compleated.

As you will probably chuse the first mode, could not the place of our meeting be at or near the Head-Quarters of the Army; and at or soon after St. John's Day next? At any Rate you will not fix a Place far *northward*, on account of some Brethren from Virginia who will attend; for we propose to advertise the Time and Place of Meeting and the Business in the public Papers; that any regular Grand Lodges, which We may not have heard of, may have an Opportunity of sending Representatives.

Your Answer as soon as possible is requested, under Cover to Peter Boynton, Esquire, Past Master in Philadelphia, with a Request to deliver it with his own Hand speedily.

I have the Honor to be,

With the utmost Affection and Esteem,

Your Dutiful Brother & Servant,

By Order of the Grand Lodge	}	WILLIAM SMITH,
of the State of Pennsylvania, &c.,		
		<i>Grand Sec'y.</i>

<i>To the Right Worshipful JOSEPH WEBB, Esq' .,</i>	}
<i>Grand Master of Masons, Massachusetts State.</i>	

Boston, Dec. 11, 1780.

Rev^d. S^r & Respected Brother: —

Your agreeable Answer to my last I duely rec'd, & y^e 1st inst. being Grand Lodge & Quarterly Communication, I laid it before them, but as 6 or 7 of the Lodges were not represented, it was tho't best to adjourn to the 2^d Friday in Jan. next, & the Grand Sec^y was order'd to write to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, informing them that they should then proceed on that business in particular. Those who were present were well satisfy'd by your Answer. But should they adopt the propos'd Election, the Season is so far advanc'd it will be difficult to send a Committee to the Convention by the time you propos'd. However, if Bro^r Palfrey should continue with you, 'tis probable he will be one, & we may likewise authorize some others out of the Massachusetts line of the Army, as it will be Expensive

sending so far. However, I should be glad of your Opinion on this Head.

My Respectfull Compliments to all your G. Lodge, & Accept the same yourself from

Y^r affect^o Bro^r
& H Serv^t
"WEBB."

To

*the Rev^d DR. SMITH,
Philadelphia.*

The following letter, written by Grand Master Joseph Webb to the Grand Lodge of Georgia, has recently come to light through the exertions of R.W. Bro. J. E. Blackshear, M.D., Grand Secretary of that State. It gives the opinion of the principal actor in the meeting of March 8, 1777, in regard to what the Brethren not only accomplished, but intended to accomplish, at that Convention:—

BOSTON, March 2, 1787.

To the Right Worshipful, the Grand Master, Dep. G.M., G. Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Savannah in Georgia, greeting:—

GENTLEMEN AND BRETHREN,—Having lately seen from the Southern papers, that you had at last assumed to your selves the undoubted right of Forming a Grand Lodge in your State, I congratulate you on so important an acquisition, and wish you all the success imaginable; we, in this Common Wealth, assumed the same so early as 1777, since w^{ch} I find Pensilvania and N. York have adopted; but how they have proceeded at Charleston or Virginia I have not as yet heard. I hold a correspondence with those 2 Lodges, and should be glad of the same with you, and all in the Union at least. Since our adopting, we have had 25 Lodges under the jurisdiction, (tho' some of them Charters of Dispensation, in Connecticut, Vermont, N. Hampshire) until they appoint a G. Lodge of their own. Inclosed, I have taken the freedom to send you, the Regulations of our G. Lodge, w^{ch} you'l please to accept as a small token of my Respect. So, wishing the Grand Lodge in particular, and those under your jurisdiction in general, all that Universal Benevolence, Brotherly Love, and Truth; Adieu! I remain with sincerity, your unknown tho' affectionate Brother and H^{bl} Serv.

JOS. WEBB, G.M. Com. Wealth Massachusetts.

[Received 27th April.]

Taken from P. G. M. Gardner's address, 1870.

LETTER FROM S. WEBB TO THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

BOSTON, MAY 19, 1783.

To the Hon. & Most Worshipf^l the G. M. Dep.
 G. M. G. Wardens & Brethren of the G.
 Lodge of Scotland in G. Lodge assembled at
 St^l Mary's Chapel in the City of Edenburg.

Gent^l. My last letter to you was in June, 1775, informing you of the Death of G. M. *Warren*. Since which the unhappy calamity of War has prevented an intercourse; but am now happy (that a general peace has taken place) in informing you of our proceedings. In 1775, the Lodges under this Jurisdiction consisted of four only. In March, 1777, I, as Depy. G. Master, summons'd the former G. Officers to attend, when they were pleas'd to appoint me to the Chair as G. M., since which we have granted fifteen Charters of erections to Lodges, as for the inclosed list. I lookt upon it as my duty to inform you of the foregoing transactions; and am with Sentiments of Respect for all the Lodges in general under your Jurisdiction, & the G. Lodge in partic^r.

Gent. & Brethren,
 Y^r. Affect^o. Bro^r. & H. Serv^t.
 J. WEBB.

A REVOLUTIONARY EXTRACT.

“Our unhappy Brother, while he persists in rebellious principles, will be disagreeable to the members of each Lodge.”

GRAND LODGE, QUEBEC,
 1st Sept., 1777.”

EXTRACT FROM DR. BARTLETT'S ORATION, 1790.

The political events of the year 5775 produced important changes in the state of Masonry. These were no other than the heroic death of the Grand Master, on the celebrated heights of Charlestown, and a temporary dispersion of the Grand Officers,

who, soon after the evacuation of Boston by the British Army, on the following year, influenced by a pious regard to the merits and memory of their departed patron, were induced to make search for his body, which was rudely and indiscriminately buried on the field of slaughter. They accordingly repaired to the *brow* of the hill, and by the direction of a person who had been on the ground about the time of his burial, a spot was found, where the earth had been recently turned up, and was distinguished by a small *cluster of sprigs*. Having removed the turf and opened the grave, the remains were easily ascertained (by means of an artificial tooth), and being decently raised were conveyed to the State House in this metropolis, whence on the 8th of April, 5776, after every mark of respect, and the just tribute of patriotic and affectionate applause, they were committed to the silent tomb; “but as the whole earth is the sepulchre of illustrious men, his fame, his glorious actions are deposited in universal remembrance,” and will be transmitted to the latest ages.

How to assemble the Grand Lodge with regularity, was now made a serious question, as the commission of the Grand Master had died with *him*, and the deputy had no power independent of his nomination and appointment. Communications for the consideration of this subject were held at different times until the 8th March, 5777, when, experiencing the necessity of preserving an intercourse of the Brethren, and the want of proper establishment, to soften the rigours of an active and distressing war, they proceeded to the formation of an *independent Grand Lodge*, with “powers and prerogatives to be exercised on principles consistent with, and subordinate to, the regulations pointed out in the *constitutions* of ancient Masonry,” and our late *worthy* and Most Worshipful Brother, Joseph Webb, Esquire, whose amiable deportment and fidelity in the duties of his important office, now claim our grateful remembrance, was duly elected *Grand Master* and proceeded to install his officers, and organize the Grand Lodge. The flourishing state of the *Craft* will be readily acknowledged when we consider that no less than fifteen Lodges were erected from this time to the Festival of St. John the Baptist,

5783, when our Most Worshipful Brother John Warren, Esquire, whose brilliant qualifications are too well known, and too universally acknowledged, to need encomiums, was placed in the chair of Solomon.

It was about this period when the Grand Lodge, "warranted in their proceedings, by the practice of Ancient Masons in all ages of the world," after the most serious deliberation, proceeded to pass resolutions explanatory of its *title, authority and jurisdiction*, which, with its laws and regulations, were engrafted into the Constitutions and ordered to be transmitted to other Grand Lodges, requesting such correspondence from time to time as would promote a friendly intercourse and advance the happiness of the Craft universal.

WASHINGTON ARMY LODGE NO. 10.

NEW YORK STATE, WEST POINT, Thursday the
11th of November, A. M., 5779.

At a Grand Lodge, held by Authority from Joseph Webb, Esq^r, Grand Master of Masons for the State of Massachusetts Bay, delegated to Jon^a Heart, Esq^r, Master of the American Union Lodge, appointing him his Proxy for certain purposes.

PRESENT.

JONATHAN HEART, *Grand Master by proxy.*

RICHARD SILL, *D. Grand Master.*

SIMEON BELDING, *S. G. Warden.*

SAMUEL RICHARDS, *J. G. Warden.*

DADIEL LUNT, *Grand Treasurer.*

JOHN PEIRCE, JUN^r, *Grand Secretary.*

THOMAS BINN, *Grand Tyler.*

After usual Business, the Deputy informed the Lodge that Br John Paterson, Benjamin Tupper, John Greateon, Esq^r, Timothy Whiting, Joseph Foot, William Burley, Billy Porter, John Jones, Henry Sewall, John Williams, Elisha Skinner, William Storey, and Richard Welsh, all Ancient, Free & Accepted

Masons, resident in the State of the Massachusetts Bay in N. E., having obtained a Charter from the Grand Lodge at Boston, granting them the privileges of Masonry, &c., were now waiting, and begged permission to present themselves to be duly formed & erected into a Regular Lodge: they were accordingly admitted, and conformable to ancient Custom, formed and erected into a just and regular Lodge, &c., &c., &c., by the name of *Washington's Lodge No. 10*. Our faithful & worthy Brother John Paterson was also presented to the R^t Worshipful to be their Master, and agreeable to ancient usage was duly installed & invested with the powers & honors, &c., &c., &c., belonging to the same. The Master-elect then entered upon his Office, — appointed B^r. Benj^a. Tupper to be his Senior Warden, & B^r. John Greateon to be his Junior Warden, — presented them to the R^t. Worship^l for his approbation: — They were accordingly approved and confirmed to the same, &c., &c., &c., to each the proper Charges given, &c., &c., &c., with united Congratulations & earnest Requests for Health, Peace & Safety to all entitled to the Mason's Prayer.

Lodge closed

By order Grand Master,

RICH^d SILL,

D. G. Master.

Attest:

JNO. PIERCE, JUN^r.,

G. Sec^y.

LIST OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON LODGE
NO. 10.

Brig. General John Paterson, Master.

Colo. Benjamin Tupper, S. W.	Lieut. Richard Welsh.
Colo. John Greateon, J. W.	Lt.-Col. Tobias Fernald.
Timothy Whiting, Esq ^r . S. D.	Lieut. William Story.
Doctor Elisha Skinner, J. D.	Major William Hull.
Capt. Billy Porter, Treasurer.	Lieut. Daniel Lunt.
Capt. Henry Sewall, Secretary.	Lieut. Joseph Foot.

Capt. John Williams.
 Doctor John Jones.
 Lieut. William Burley.
 John Pierce, jun^r., Esq^r.
 Lt.-Colo. T. Mentges.
 Capt. John Doyle.
 Major Thomas L. Byles.
 Capt. John Pearson.
 Capt. Sam^l Craig.
 Capt. W. Wilson.
 Capt. Ja. Wilson.
 Doctor John Wingate.
 Capt. Elnathan Haskell.
 Capt. Luther Bailey.
 Capt. Adams Bailey.
 Lieut. William Torrey.
 Lieut. Hez^h. Ripley.

Lieut. Silas Morton.
 Lt.-Colo. John Brooks.
 Capt. Moses Greenleaf.
 Thomas Wood, W. M^r.
 Doctor Samuel Adams.
 Doctor John Thomas.
 Lt.-Colo. Noah M. Littlefield.
 Capt. Benjamin Warren.
 Capt. Samuel Page.
 Capt. John Francis.
 Dr. Samuel Finley.
 Lieut. William Curtis.
 Lieut. Joseph Tucker.
 Doctor John Hart.
 Colo. Gam^l. Bradford.
 Capt. William Watson.

H. SEWALL,
Secretary.

WEST POINT, Dec^r. 8, 1779.

A LIST OF MEMBERS INITIATED IN WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 10.

Lt.-Colonel Noah M. Littlefield.	Capt. Samuel Carr.
Capt. William Watson.	Lt. Benjamin Barker.
Lt. Joseph Tucker.	Ensign Ebenezer T. Davis.
Lt. Levi Dodge.	Lt. Joseph Edes.
Capt. Abraham Williams.	Capt. St. John George.
Capt. William Sizer.	Lt. Benjamin Eaton.
Lt. Jonathan Carey.	Capt. John Burnham.
Colo. Michael Jackson.	Lt. Samuel Armstrong.
Doctor James E. B. Finley.	Capt. Ezra Eaton.
Lt. Hugh Mulloy.	Lt. Henry White.
M ^r . John Rooney, Com ^r .	Colo. James Wessop.

Capt. John Mills.	Lt.-Colo. Ezra Newhall.
Lt. Azariah Eglestone.	Lt. Ezekiel Samson.
Capt. John Fowles.	Mr. John Heart, Asst. Q. M.
Lt. Samuel Chapin.	Mr. John White, Asst. Q. M.
Colo. William Shepard.	Mr. Hugh Morris, Asst. C. I.
Lt. Ephraim Emory.	Lt. Florence Crowley.
Capt. Christopher Woodbridge.	Lt. Thomas White.
Lt. William Price.	Mr. Thomas Frothingham.
Lt. William Hastey.	Lt. Nehemiah Emerson.
Lt. Silas Chadbourn.	Capt. Silas Clarke.
Com ^y . Caleb Swan.	Capt. S ^r . Belcher Hancock.
Capt. Isaiah Stetson.	Lt. Nathaniel Nason.
Mr. Isaac Franks, Forage-Mas- ter.	Lt. Joshua Clapp.
Mr. Joseph Crook, Waggon- Master.	Capt. Jerius Willcox.
Lt. Lemuel Snow.	Capt. Amos Cogeswell.
Lt. Eliphalet Thorp.	Lt. Joseph Leland.
Lt. Thomas D. Freeman.	Mr. Benjamin Fowles, Com ^y . Hides.
Capt. William Moore.	Ensign Benjamin Wells.
Lt. David Mason.	Ensign Thomas Cole.
Capt. Nathan Dix.	Lt. Lemuel Miller.
Lt. Nathaniel Frye.	Doctor Daniel Bartlet.
Mr. William Lyman, State Com ^y .	Major Samuel Darby.
Lt. Edward White.	Lt. Caleb Clap.
Ensign Oliver Rice.	Lt. Jonathan Libby.
Ensign Aaron Francis.	Lt. Peter Nestle.
Lt. Benjamin Shaw.	Capt. Stephen Abbot.
Capt. George Webb.	Lt. Bartlet Hinds.
Capt. Amasa Soper.	Ensign Marlborough Turner.
Com ^y . Samuel B. Marshall.	Lt. Henry Williams.
Capt. Isaac Pope.	Lt. Edward Walker.
Lt. Francis Green.	Ensign Jabez Bill.
Lt. Ralph H. Bowles.	Lt. David Peterson.
Lt. Nathaniel Stone.	Lt. William Mills.
Capt. John Pray.	Com ^y . Seth Hamlen.
	Ensign Jonathan T. Rawson.
	Lt. John Cotton.

Lt. Jonathan Haskell.	Lt. Asa Bullard.
Ensign John Davis.	Lt. William M. Bell.
Major Joseph Pettingell.	Capt. John Blanchard.
Lt. George P. Frost.	Dr. Samuel Woodward.
Lt. Simeon Spring.	Dr. Silas Holbrook.
Lt. William Wigglesworth.	Lt. Othaniel Taylor.

Total 104.

SAM'L FINLEY,
Secy. P. T.

At five minutes past three o'clock, P.M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

At four o'clock, P.M., a procession was formed by the Grand Marshal, and the Brethren were conducted to the banquet-room, where a sumptuous feast had been prepared by order of the Grand Master. Two hundred and fifty Brethren participated in this Centennial Feast, which was duly appreciated and enjoyed after the manner of Masons.

At nine o'clock, P.M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor. The Brethren united in singing, in the tune "Old Hundred," the words: —

" Be Thou, O God, exalted high,
And as Thy glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed,
Till Thou art here as there obeyed."

And the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE
FORM.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

THE CENTENNIAL FEAST.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, A.L. 5877, BEGINNING AT FOUR O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Brethren, to the number of two hundred and fifty, standing in their places at the tables, which were beautifully decorated with flowers, and bountifully supplied with creature comforts, the following prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, W. Rev. Joshua Young: —

PRAYER BY THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

O Thou, who givest us rain from the heavens, and fruitful seasons, filling the hearts of men with joy and gladness, let Thy blessing descend and rest on these fruits of Thy bounty, and on the good feeling with which we shall receive them. In the face of whatsoever diverse winds may have blown, through whatever tempests have raged, past all the rocks that have lain in our way, our beloved Institution beholds this hour, and to Thee would we give the gratitude of our hearts, thanking Thee for all we have received and enjoyed in the relations which we are permitted to sustain one to the other. Thinking of the generousities of the past, we pray Thee to help us that we may revere the memories and emulate the virtues of the worthy and the wise; and, stimulated by all true thought, inspired with high aim and devout purpose, may it be our

constant effort to show forth in our daily conduct, in our character and conversation, in whatsoever our hands find to do, — whether we eat or drink, — those principles of truth, charity and love which gladden human hearts and brighten all human paths. We ask all in Thy name. AMEN.

The Grand Master requested the Brethren, without further formality, to be seated at the tables and partake of the good cheer which had been provided.

After an hour or more had been spent in the enjoyment of this part of the feast, the Grand Master called the company to order, and said: —

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE, — As you are aware, it is customary on all occasions when the Grand Lodge holds a banquet, for the Grand Master to preside and introduce to you the speakers. But this is an unusual occurrence, and as none of us will live to see the second Centennial of the Grand Lodge, I have deemed it right and proper to appoint a Toast-Master, one of our Past Grand Masters, to perform that special duty. Before introducing him I will read a note received since calling this Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment.

[For a copy of this letter see record of Quarterly Communication, March 14, 1877.]

The M.W. Grand Master continued: —

I do not propose to take any action upon this until our Quarterly Communication on Thursday next.

I now take pleasure in introducing to you our Past Grand Master, Right Worshipful SERENO D. NICKERSON.

R.W. Past Grand Master Nickerson said: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has always been an exceedingly conservative Body. It has been our custom, even at our banquets, to follow scrupulously the idea of precedent and the order of the Masonic rank. This, Most Worshipful Grand Master, has worked, so far as I have observed, with considerable satisfaction to the Brethren; but, as none of us are expecting to enjoy more than three or four of these opportunities of participating in Centennial festivals, I propose to vary somewhat from the ordinary rule of precedence. I do not propose to follow exactly the form in which we have been accustomed to call upon the various dignitaries upon these festive occasions.

Of late years I have had reason to fear that the Brethren might regret that we should adhere so closely to precedent in the form in which we have called upon our speakers upon occasions of this sort; especially when I found that in the order of rank — the presiding officers calling upon the various Past Grand Masters — my time was approaching, I began to fear that the Brethren might have some doubts as to the policy of pursuing the set and regular course. I have accepted the position assigned to me to-night, Most Worshipful Grand Master, with the express understanding that I should violate all the rules of propriety and call upon any of the Brethren I pleased, and in the order that I pleased.

I do not propose to call upon the Past Grand Masters in the order of their precedence, and I do not propose any extended remarks upon my own account. Fortunately I am surrounded

by many Brethren whom you will all be anxious and delighted to hear, and on this occasion we have many with us from other jurisdictions, and I only wish we had them from every jurisdiction in the United States. We have, fortunately, representatives of every Grand Lodge in New England, and I propose to introduce them to you as rapidly as circumstances may admit.

The sentiment to which I first invite your attention is suggested by the oration to which we all listened with so much pleasure this afternoon, and from which we have all derived so much instruction. The first sentiment which I propose, on this occasion, is : —

“The Masonic Doctrine of State Rights. Established in the midst of doubt and hesitation, let it be maintained with unfaltering firmness and determination.”

I am sure, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that all the Brethren present will unite with me in the opinion that there is no Brother so competent to maintain and sustain this doctrine as the Brother whose health I now give you — the Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, William S. Gardner.

R.W. Past Grand Master Gardner responded : —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — I came in here this evening expecting that I should have a tranquil time and enjoy a pleasant dinner. I had no notice that I was to make any remarks here this evening until I took my seat — a little late perhaps — when our Right Worshipful Brother upon my left [Bro. Nickerson] informed me that I was to speak upon the doctrine of State Rights. I certainly feel somewhat embarrassed in this audience, and upon this occasion, in remarking upon this question ; but I remember, sir, — my memory is somewhat at fault, but I have an indistinct recollection, — that some few

years ago — I think it was some eight or nine years ago — I had occasion to go over this matter somewhat extensively ; and if I remember aright, the Right Worshipful Brother, who I think is present here this evening, — I have not the honor of his acquaintance ; I do not know him by sight, — who was presiding over the Committee of Correspondence of the State of New Hampshire, was the cause of the introduction of this doctrine, and of the investigation which resulted in the discovery of the fact of the independence of this Grand Lodge a hundred years ago ; and he ought to be awarded the praise of this Centennial celebration. In consequence, Most Worshipful, of some remarks which he made in reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, my recollection is, that at that time we were induced to look into the old records and documents, and investigate the old traditions ; and we found that the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, so called, a hundred years ago to-day declared itself, by declaration, — by an absolute unequivocal act, — free, independent and sovereign of all the Grand Lodges in the world. This was done before the matter was hinted at in any other jurisdiction, and it followed close after the burial of the Provincial Grand Master in the old Granary burial-ground, when Perez Morton, one of the founders of this independence, in that beautiful oration delivered in King's Chapel, foreshadowed the act which the Grand Lodge afterwards adopted.

My Right Worshipful Brother, now the Most Worshipful Grand Master (as I am informed) of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, stated that there was what was called the American doctrine of Grand Lodge jurisdiction, — and thank God, it is the established and recognized law in Massachusetts, Ohio and Minnesota to-day, and that it proceeds upon the ground that in every State, in every territory, wherever a Grand Lodge is established, — even in the District of Columbia, — there the

jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge is sovereign, independent and exclusive; that outside of it any other Grand Lodge has no power within its territory; that its jurisdiction, and the territory over which the jurisdiction stretches, is sacred; and from the eighth day of March, 1777, until now, I do not think there has ever been a discordant word spoken against the doctrine.

And that is the reason, Most Worshipful Sir, that here in this country, in America, we have proceeded so quietly, so peaceably and so tranquilly. We have not had various Grand Lodges organized in separate States to disturb the peace of the Brethren. We have not had — as they have had in England — two or three Grand Lodges; we have not had — as they have in Germany — various Grand Lodges, with different jurisdictions over the same territory. But we have had here an absolute, unequivocal, independent, sovereign jurisdiction which excluded everything but *the* Grand Lodge.

Now, sir, I think it is important that we not only should recognize this — for it was established immediately after the Declaration of the Independence of the United States; and it is substantially the doctrine of Monroe (that here upon this side of the water, in our own separate jurisdictions, we will tolerate no interference with the way and manner in which we manage affairs in our own jurisdictions) — but should recognize the fact that to it we owe the peace and tranquillity which pervade the country, and which has existed here in Massachusetts for a hundred years.

I can only say, Most Worshipful Sir, that I do not propose to take up any more time, as there are many here to whom you will listen with more pleasure than to me. I will only add that the observance of this Centennial to-night will deepen and strengthen the feeling which we have, that all Grand Lodges

within their territory and jurisdiction shall be recognized as sovereign and independent.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — Most Worshipful Grand Master, in connection with the facts which have been brought so distinctly before us this afternoon, in regard to the labors of the Brethren a hundred years ago, our attention is especially directed to the central figure upon that occasion, — the Brother who was selected as the representative of Masonic authority on that occasion, — and I think there are very few of our Brethren in this jurisdiction who know much in regard to him. I am happy to say that there is a Brother present who is very fond of delving into these old historic matters. He has been exceedingly useful to the Grand Lodge in reviving recollections of distinguished Brethren, — members of the bar, of the ministry and of other professions and departments of life, — and who has made some investigations — how extensive they are I do not know ; though I am ashamed to say that he will have the same excuse to present for not making a speech, that Brother Gardner had (that he is without sufficient warning) ; but I have no doubt that, like Bro. Gardner, he will do his duty. I give you —

“The memory of the first Grand Master of this Independent Grand Lodge, Joseph Webb ; and with it I couple the health of our Senior Past Grand Master. May it be long before he joins the company of his illustrious predecessor.”

R.W. Past Grand Master John T. Heard responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL, — I have listened with the greatest interest to what our Past Grand Master Gardner has said

touching this celebration; and I also had the pleasure of listening to the admirable oration which was delivered this afternoon, and which showed so much of the history of our jurisdiction that there must be not one of us who does not appreciate its excellence. Supposing, Most Worshipful, that there would be Brethren to address us from outside of this jurisdiction (and also Brethren from the interior of the State who are not in the habit of meeting with us), I had concluded to say but very few words, so as not to trench upon the time necessary to allow them all to express themselves fully upon this occasion. But, since our Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, the Toast-Master, has alluded to my having collected some facts with regard to Joseph Webb, who was Grand Master at the time of the Declaration of the Independence of the Grand Lodge, although I had not time to go into the subject fully, still I will allude to a few facts I have gathered relating to his biography.

Joseph Webb was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1773, his rank being that of Lieutenant-Colonel. When he joined that body he might have been merely the lieutenant of a company. What the practice of the historian — Whitman — was, in recording the members of that body, I do not know; but it may be he gave to Webb his later title of Lieut.-Colonel, though when he joined the company he might have been only a lieutenant. It may be well to say here, Most Worshipful, that the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company ceased to continue in service, — ceased to act as an organization from 1775 to 1786, just after the war. Was not that true of our Grand Lodge? During the troubles of the Revolution, while the British were in possession of Boston, and afterwards, none of these organizations could act. It seems to me rather an important thing to consider, that this

Artillery Company failed to meet as a body until after the war, as our Masonic Institutions did, with the exception, perhaps, of our Independent Grand Lodge, which our Past Grand Master Gardner has eloquently alluded to.

I find in the "Historical and Genealogical Register" that there was a Lieutenant Webb who was connected with the expedition from Cambridge to Quebec, in 1775, which was defeated at Quebec. Now, it may be that he was the person to whom we are referring. The expedition was under Arnold, you may remember, and was attended with very great sacrifice of men and munitions. Lieutenant Webb was taken prisoner.

Joseph Webb was, according to the "Massachusetts Register," Lieutenant-Colonel of the BOSTON REGIMENT in 1783, and its Colonel in 1784. He was, I believe, in command of a regiment which was for a time stationed at West Point during the Revolutionary War. There are in the archives of the State Department of this Commonwealth piles of papers, imperfectly arranged and much worn, which relate to military affairs connected with the Revolution. I gave them, a year or two ago, a cursory examination, but came across nothing showing what was the command of Colonel Webb. A more thorough examination of the papers might have revealed his standing in the army. It would be a public benefit to have them collated and printed under the direction of the Legislature. Such a work would be of general interest, and be sought for by the descendants of the patriotic soldiers who helped to achieve our independence as a nation.

In 1780 the population of Boston was 30,000. Its centre was near the Green Dragon Tavern, which stood on the corner which is formed by Hanover and Union streets. In this house it was that the famous Lodge of Saint Andrew (famous now as then) held its communications — the Lodge of which Joseph

Webb was a Master. Here also were held the meetings of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, which declared its INDEPENDENCE one hundred years ago.

It gives me pleasure to learn, Most Worshipful, that a Lodge is now working under your Dispensation which has taken the name of JOSEPH WEBB. This is a fitting tribute to the memory of him who was so prominently connected with the declaration of Masonic Grand Lodge independence, which we are celebrating. This Lodge will be, I learn, constituted into a regular Lodge on the 23d instant. May we not look to its Master and members to inquire thoroughly into the biography of him whose name it has taken? Let them inquire where his remains were buried; where he was born; what were his commands as a military officer; and regarding all other things relative to his career. A little diligent inquiry would no doubt develop facts on these points which would be interesting to the Fraternity generally, as well as to the Lodge which honors his name.

I hold in my hand a copy of the will of Bro. Webb. It seems that he made it on April the 8th, 1787, and that he died on the 26th of April in the same year (aged 52 years), showing very conclusively to my mind that he was in infirm health, which would naturally lead him to suppose would end in his death. His wife's name was Penelope; she was appointed his executrix, but declined to act as such; and distinguished persons — well known in our early history — became the executors. It seems that he left £1,924, — I presume that that was equal to about three dollars a pound in solid currency, — and also \$17,204 in Continental currency. He lived in what is now Federal street, then called Long lane, — we all know where the locality is, — and his estate in this street was valued at £1,000. He also had a store, with the land thereto belonging,

situated near the head of Woodman's wharf, at what was then the lower part of Water street. In the schedule of his property this estate was valued at £350.

I will not go further into his history, though I have some memoranda about it which I will not refer to. I know our Brethren are anxious to hear those who are with us from abroad, and I will conclude by saying that Brother Webb must have been more than an ordinary man in his day. He must have enjoyed social and political positions, as well as military, creditable to any man at that time, when we consider those with whom he associated,—Joseph Warren, Paul Revere, John Warren (the father of the famous medical and surgical family), and others, whom it is not necessary that I should stop to mention.

I think, Most Worshipful, that we are fortunate in being able to refer to the record of our Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1777, and find a character unspotted; a character deserving the esteem and respect and honor of our Fraternity.

A copy of the will of Joseph Webb, referred to above, is here inserted.

COPY OF THE WILL OF JOSEPH WEBB.

IN THE NAME of the EVER BLESSED TRINITY, FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST, I, Joseph Webb, of Boston, in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Esquire, being Sick and Weak, but thro' the Goodness of God of Sound and disposing mind and memory, and considering that I must shortly Die, do make and ordain this my last Will as follows: That is to say first and principally I commit my precious and immortal Soul, into the hands of God who gave it, relying Solely on his Mercy thro' the merits and Satisfaction of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for the Pardon of

all my sins, and gracious Acceptance with him ; my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executors herein after named, not doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God ; and as for such Worldly Estate as it hath pleased the Lord to bless me with, I will and order that the same be Employed and bestowed in the following manner. That is to say —

Imprimis. I will and order that all my just debts and Funeral expenses be well & truly paid by my Executors with all convenient speed after my Decease.

Item — I will and Order that all my Stock and Trade as soon as may be after my Decease, be sold at Publick Auction, to enable my Executors herein after named to pay off my just debts and the Legacies herein after mentioned as soon as Conveniently can be —

Item — I give to the Children of my Sister, late wife of M^r John Edwards deceased. Viz^t Thomas Edwards Esq^r, Polley Symonds, wife of M^r Jonathan Symonds, Nabby Cushing, wife to — Cushing. Lewis Edwards of Petersburg, in Virginia. And Nancy Warring wife of M^r Henry Warring of said Petersburg the sum of Ten pounds each.

Item — I give to M^{rs} Sarah Webb widow of my late Brother Nehemiah Webb deceased the sum of Ten pounds. I also give to their Children viz^t Joseph, Deborah, Sally, Nabby, Daniel, Lydia & Thomas the sum of Ten pounds to be equally divided between them. —

Item — I give to my Sister Deborah Smith of Sandwich in the County of Barnstable, Widow, the sum of Ten pounds for the love I bear her. —

Item — I give to my sister Gracy Toby, wife of Capt Prince Toby of Sandwich aforesaid, the sum of Ten pounds for the love I bear her. —

Item — I give to my Niece Deborah Webb the sum of Six pounds in Clothing in Addition to what I have given her among her Sisters and Brothers for her care of me in my sickness.

Item — I give to Hannah Potter the sum of Two pounds out of Friendship. —

Item — I give to the aforementioned Thomas Edwards Esquire, my Gold Watch. —

Item — I give to my Young Man William Baker the sum of Ten pounds for his great care and attention to my Business. —

Item — I give to my Friend M^r Henry Simpson the sum of Ten pounds, out of True Love and Friendship which I ever bore him. —

Item — I give to my beloved wife Penelope, the Income use and Improvement of all the Rest Residue & Remainder of my Estate, both Real, Personal and mixt. . . . Whatsoever and wheresoever the same is shall or may be found for and during the Term of her Natural Life. —

Item — All my Estate Real, Personal & Mixt that shall Remain after my said wife's decease, I give devise and bequeath to and among my before named surviving relations to be equally divided between them and holden by them, their heirs and assigns in equal parts forever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants. —

Item — I do hereby Nominate and appoint my said wife Penelope and M^r Samuel Clap to be the Executors of this my last will, hereby revoking making null and void, all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made, declaring this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said Joseph Webb have hereunto set my hand and Seal, the Eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Eighty-seven.

JOS. WEBB. (Seal.)

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Joseph Webb the Testator to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of — Sam^l Bangs — sworn — Henry Simpson — Isaac Rand, Junr. — sworn.

SUFFOLK, ss: The aforewritten Will being presented for Probate by the Executors therein named, Samuel Bangs & Isaac Rand Jun^r made oath that they saw Joseph Webb Esq^r deceased the Subscriber to this Instrument sign & seal & also heard him

publish and declare the same to be his Last Will & Testament and that when he so did he was of sound disposing mind & memory according to these Deponents best discerning and that they together with Henry Simpson now absent set to their hands as Witnesses thereof; in the said Testator's presence.

Boston May 3. 1788.

O. WENDELL — J. Probate.

A true copy.

Attest:

P. R. GUINEY, *Register*.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — Most Worshipful Grand Master, our thoughts have been particularly directed, to-day, to the Brethren of the Revolutionary period, and I think we must all admit that we are under a load of obligations to the Brethren of that time. But, in my judgment, there are Brethren of a later period to whom the Masonic Fraternity in this country are more deeply indebted. I refer to the Brethren who bore the burden and heat of the day in the anti-Masonic excitement; to those who stood up manfully to sustain Masonic principles and the Institution from 1826 to about 1835 or 1840. Many of you were present at a festival five years ago, when those Brethren were made the objects of an especial demonstration of affection and respect. Several of them have gone to the Grand Lodge above since that time; but we have with us this evening one of those who were present on that occasion; and I am reminded by the fact of his presence that good Masons are good men in almost every other department of life, and that we have upon our records the names of many Brethren who have been distinguished in various walks of life, as well as in the Masonic Fraternity. The Brother to whom I allude has been particularly distinguished in this respect. We had — as many young Massachusetts Masons know — some fifteen years ago, as Grand Lecturer, a Brother whom many of us affectionately

designated as Father Martin. He was a good Mason, but not particularly well-skilled in the king's English. On one occasion some of the Brethren rather questioned the language of the ritual, as given by him; they said it was not grammatical. "Well," said Father Martin, "I don't know whether it is grammatical or not; but it is *Masonical*." The Brother whom I propose to introduce to you has been distinguished in the historical, pomological and genealogical, and he is also distinguished in the "Masonical" departments. Brethren, I give you the health of our Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Master, Marshall P. Wilder, who is almost fourscore years old, who was a good and true Mason, and signed the Declaration in 1831, and has been so from that time until this; and I have no doubt will be until he passes beyond the portals of the grave.

R.W. Past Deputy Grand Master Marshall P. Wilder responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — I am extremely indebted for the very complimentary allusion made to me by our Brother, the Toast-Master, upon this occasion; and when, sir, he proposes my health in this vast assembly, it touches me most tenderly; for I assure you, Brethren, that it is honor sufficient to be here, and were it to be the last words I might utter on this earth, I assure you I should be happy to be here and spend the remainder of the life to which he alludes, in your service. I thank you, deeply do I thank you, for recognizing me as one of those worthy Brethren who placed their sign manual to that memorable Declaration of Freemasons in the year 1831, against the most cruel and malicious and most unreasonable persecution that ever disgraced the annals of any nation; and most happy am

I to be a representative of those men for whom you call me to speak on this occasion ; for, sir, I believe that that declaration was scarcely second to the Declaration of the Independence of the United States. One was sacred to the rights of freemen ; the other was sacred to the rights of Freemasons.

You will remember, Most Worshipful Sir, when I had the honor to speak last for that noble band of Brethren, that we called on those present—the survivors present—to stand up and testify again for themselves. They were Winslow Lewis, Charles W. Moore, Abraham A. Dame, Marshal Pinckney Wilder, George G. Smith, Lovell Bicknell, John Bigelow, E. B. Foster, Samuel Millard, William Palfrey, John T. Dingley, and my most beloved friend, William Sutton, who had signed the Declaration in the County of Essex. Of that number, Winslow Lewis, Charles W. Moore, Lovell Bicknell, E. B. Foster, and Samuel Millard, are dead.

A VOICE. — Eben C. Leman, of Saint Andrew's Lodge, stood up on that occasion.

R.W. BRO. WILDER. — It was not so recorded, but it shall be ; I will now call upon those present — any person beside your humble servant — who were signers of that Declaration, to stand up in the presence of this assembly.

R.W. Bro. William Sutton stood up beside R.W. Bro. Wilder.

R.W. BRO. WILDER. — Are there only two? Only two? Ay, soon, Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, we shall have all passed down the hill of life, and be buried in the valley below.

But, Brethren, I would sooner have my name recorded on that immortal roll than to have it inscribed and engraved on the tallest monument that ever reared its column toward the skies ; for columns of granite and marble and brass will crumble

into dust, but the names and deeds of those men will live in the hearts of all honest and worthy Freemasons, while truth and justice and righteousness and mercy shall have a place in the hearts of men. But I must not trespass farther upon this occasion..

I thank you from the bottom of my heart, Mr. Toast-Master, for your kind allusions to me in relation to my various duties in the progress of my life. I have ever followed the instincts of my nature and the convictions of my conscience, to be faithful as a man. Now, in conclusion, I will say, — and it may be (God only knows) the last time that I shall ever address you, — God bless this honored Institution, and preserve it through all coming time! God bless our Brethren of the Fraternity throughout the world, and make them in the future, as in the past, the conservators of the public good, and the benefactors of our race. And thus, oh, thus, let me live, and let me die; and, whether living or dead, let me be remembered as a faithful man, and a faithful Mason.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — Most Worshipful Grand Master, in accordance with the arrangements for this festival it was deemed expedient and proper and courteous to invite the Grand Masters of all the various jurisdictions throughout the country to participate with us in the celebration of so important an event, in which they all have an equal interest with ourselves. Fortunately we have, as has already been stated, the representatives of the Grand Lodges of New England; and we have replies expressing the interest of the various Most Worshipful Grand Masters in the festival, and their regret that they are not able to participate with us in person. With your permission, I will read only a few of the replies to the invitation.

The following are the letters alluded to by the R.W. Brother, who acted as Toast-Master, arranged alphabetically, according to the States, a few of which were read at the feast; preceded by a copy of the invitation sent to the Grand Masters of all the Grand Lodges within the United States:—

COPY OF INVITATION SENT TO GRAND MASTERS.

FROM THE GRAND EAST OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

The Most Worshipful PERCIVAL
LOWELL EVERETT, *Grand Master*,

To

A———B——— Esq., *Grand
Master of Masons in the State of*
:—

On the eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord 1877, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the first of the Grand Lodges upon the Continent of America, declared its independence; and from thence hitherto has, without interruption, exercised all the powers and prerogatives of a Sovereign and Independent Grand Lodge.

The Centennial of this leading event in the history of Freemasonry in America will be celebrated at the Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass., on Thursday, the eighth day of March, A. L. 5877, A. D. 1877, at one of the clock in the afternoon, when an oration will be delivered by our R.W. Brother Charles Levi Woodbury. The Centennial Banquet will commence at four o'clock.

In behalf of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts the Grand Master cordially invites you to be present.

By the Grand Master.

Attest:

CHARLES H. TITUS,
Grand Secretary.

R. S. V. P.

Boston, Feb. 1, 1877.

ALABAMA.

MOBILE, ALABAMA, February 26, 1877.

To M. W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts*: —

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER, — Your courteous invitation of 1st inst. was received by me on the 17th inst., and it is with sincere regret that I am constrained to deny myself the pleasure of accepting it.

Antiquity throws a halo around things of even minor importance, then how much more dazzling about such an important and valuable an Institution as this venerable and instructive one of ours. To your Grand Lodge, with its hoary locks, have we, of this jurisdiction, been accustomed to look with veneration, and for instruction.

One hundred years! How long as compared with the lives of its votaries, yet how short as compared with the duration of the Order! During this one hundred years what scenes of adversity and persecution have been witnessed; yet amid all these storms of violence and popular fury we see that "Freemasonry still survives," rearing its head proudly but unostentatiously.

Would that our circumstances were such as to enable us to meet all those who, on this occasion, will be gathered around the consecrated altar. Methinks such gatherings of our Brotherhood, from the different sections of our extended country, would tend to the establishment of more fraternal

feelings, and that as we came to know each other better we would also love each other more.

With deep regret that I cannot be present, I greet you with a fraternal greeting, and hope that your Grand Lodge may continue thousands of years to dispense light and truth.

Most truly and fraternally your obt. servant,

PALMER J. PILLANS,
Grand Master.

CALIFORNIA.

NAVY YARD, MARE ISLAND, CAL., Feb. 24, 1877.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, ESQ., *Grand Master of Masons in State of Massachusetts* : —

M.W. SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the invitation to be present at the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

It would afford me great pleasure to participate in the ceremonies of an occasion so justly observed, the commemoration of which will universally proclaim an event pre-eminent in the history of American Freemasonry.

I regret that public duties, apart from those pertaining to the office of Grand Master, will prevent my attendance.

Accept, M.W. Sir, the assurances of my fraternal consideration and esteem.

JOHN MILLS BROWNE,
Grand Master.

COLORADO.

CENTRAL CITY, COL., Feb. 19, 1877.

M. W. P. L. EVERETT, *Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — Your very kind invitation to attend the Centennial Celebration of your Grand Lodge was received to-day.

It would afford me the most sincere pleasure to be present on the occasion, but my professional engagements are such that I cannot do so.

Allow me to tender the heartfelt congratulations of the Grand Lodge of the youngest State of the Union to the oldest and most honorable of the Grand Lodges of our ancient and honorable Institution.

Yours fraternally,

H. M. ORAHOOD,
Grand Master.

FLORIDA.

JACKSONVILLE, Feb. 28, A.L. 5877; A.D. 1877.

PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Esq., *Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*: —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — It has afforded me the most heartfelt satisfaction in receiving your fraternal invitation to be present at the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

I deeply regret that circumstances entirely beyond my control prevent my following the inclination of my heart to meet my Masonic Brethren of the Old Bay State on this occasion.

The Masons of Florida beg you to accept their heartfelt wishes for the success of the Craft in your jurisdiction, and may the Great Architect of the Universe bestow on you His choicest blessings, and give furtherance and success to your aim in demonstrating the greatness of our Institution.

Fraternally yours,

ENOS WASGATE,
Grand Master.

ILLINOIS.

QUINCY, March 5, 1877,

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts*: —

M.W. AND DEAR BROTHER, — Gratefully acknowledging your invitation to join your Grand Lodge in celebrating the Centen-

nial of the Independence of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, I sincerely regret that I cannot be present and participate in commemorating an event so important as to mark an epoch in the Masonic history of this country.

In behalf of the Masons of Illinois, who share with you the heritage bequeathed by the sturdy Craftsmen who wrought an hundred years ago, I thank you for being thus bidden to your memorial feast; and though not all of them may know the filial regard which is mine by right of kinship, — claiming as I do one of your constituent Lodges as my Masonic *alma mater*, — yet all I am sure entertain feelings of the warmest veneration for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, whose prominent part in American Masonry has always been borne with a dignity and ability which, regardless of all questions of rank as conferred by priority of organization, are her sure title-deeds to the regard of her sister Grand Lodges as the first among her equals, and worthy of the old Commonwealth whose name she bears.

I have the honor to be, M.W. Sir,

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH ROBBINS,
Grand Master.

INDIANA.

NEW ALBANY, Feb. 22, 1877.

CHARLES H. FITUS, Esq., *Grand Secretary, Boston, Mass.* : —

Your courteous invitation to attend the Centennial Anniversary of the Declaration of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on the 8th prox. has been received. You will please express to the Grand Master my thanks and regrets, and assure him that commercial and Masonic duties alone will prevent me from participating in the festivities of that glorious occasion.

Yours truly and fraternally,

FRANK S. DEVOL,
Grand Master.

IOWA.

KEOKUK, March 3, 1877.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *Grand Master, Boston, Mass.*: —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your fraternal invitation to participate in the ceremonies incident to the celebration of the Centennial of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The engrossing duties of my official connection with the Order in this State, as well as the urgent demands of business, prevent the gratification of an earnest desire to represent the Craft of Iowa at the gathering of those who are permitted to commemorate this significant event in the history of Freemasonry in this country. In the absence of a Grand Lodge representative, may I place in your hands the enclosed sentiment, in behalf of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, and

Fraternally yours,

HENRY W. ROTHERT,
Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Greeting:—

By the grace of the Grand Architect above, and in the name of three hundred and fifty subordinates and twenty thousand Craftsmen, Iowa most sincerely and cordially tenders her congratulations to Massachusetts, offering the assurance that amid the fertile prairies and green savannas of the distant West, surrounded by the satisfactory prospects of peace and prosperity, and actuated by the promptings of affectionate reverence and esteem, she does most humbly do homage to her, who for one hundred years has successfully maintained her superiority and independence, whose actions have ever been guided by fairness and justice, and whose pathway has ever been illuminated by the intelligence, education, and wisdom of her councillors.

HENRY W. ROTHERT,
Grand Master.

KENTUCKY.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., February 26, 1877.

*To the M. W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Grand Master of Masons in
Massachusetts : —*

The Grand Master of Kentucky Masons is pleased to acknowledge the fraternal courtesy of the Grand Master of Massachusetts in tendering him, on behalf of his Grand Lodge, an invitation to be present at the celebration of the Centennial of the oldest Grand Lodge on this Continent.

While it will be impossible for your Western Brother to be present in person and participate in your enjoyments and festivities, he sends you a Godspeed and his sincerest congratulations.

With the greatest fraternal esteem,

R. M. FAIRLEIGH,
Grand Master.

MARYLAND.

BALTIMORE, MD., February 14, 1877.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts : —

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER, — I have to acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to be present at the Masonic Temple in Boston, on Thursday, the 8th of March next, at one of the clock of the afternoon, at the celebration of the Centennial anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which, on the 8th of March, 1777, assumed and “from thence hitherto has, without interruption, exercised all the powers and prerogatives of a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge.”

It is with much regret, however, that I find myself obliged, by circumstances which I cannot control, to decline the invitation. I fully appreciate the interest that attaches to the occasion. I know well how much I lose in not being able to be present when the distinguished Brother, — the orator of the day, Charles

Levi Woodbury, — will deliver his oration. I feel, too, that my absence from the banquet will deprive me of the opportunity of seeing that the charity of Massachusetts Masons is only equalled by their hospitality and good-fellowship. It would be something, too, to find myself among the Brotherhood, under the shadow of the monument that marks the spot where Warren — a Master Mason — fell. In fact, reasons for regretting my inability to be present with you on the 8th of March multiply as I write. But so it is.

Respectfully and fraternally,

JNO. H. B. LATROBE,
Grand Master of Masons of Maryland.

MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, MICH., February 20, 1877.

CHARLES H. TITUS, ESQ., *Grand Secretary Grand Lodge F. and A.M., Mass., Boston : —*

DEAR SIR AND R.W. BROTHER, — Our Grand Master desires me to acknowledge, for him, the receipt of your Grand Lodge invitation to its “Centennial” celebration in Boston, on the 8th proxo., at which he regrets his inability to be present; but requests me to convey through you to the “Grand East” of Massachusetts his warmest thanks, and to the Grand Lodge his hearty congratulations.

I am, fraternally yours,

ELLERY I. GARFIELD,
Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

LITCHFIELD, MINN., March 2, 1877.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, ESQ., *Grand Master of Massachusetts, Boston : —*

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I regret that I cannot avail myself of your kind invitation and be present at the Cen-

ennial Anniversary of the independence of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Our ancient Brethren in Massachusetts a century ago builded wiser than they, perhaps, then knew, when they established their independence, and proclaimed exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction within the civil division where they exercised authority.

With this doctrine maintained, the Temple of Masonry in these United States has been builded with symmetry and order; without it the Craft would have everywhere been in confusion; instead of peace and harmony, there would have been strife and discord.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota has recently had occasion to bless and honor the Grand Lodge of the noble old Commonwealth of Massachusetts for this doctrine; and at its last session, held less than two months ago, in the most emphatic manner, it reaffirmed the doctrine by you first given to the Masonic world, a century ago, when it

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge cannot recognize Charters as having any validity in this State, except those issued by its authority; and that it cannot issue Charters except to such Masons as are of its obedience.”

Fraternally yours,

JAMES C. BRADEN,
Grand Master of Minnesota.

MISSISSIPPI.

RIPLEY, Miss., A. L. 5877, Feb. 19, A. D., 1877.

M. W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *Grand Master in Massachusetts*: —

M. W. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER, — I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your very courteous and fraternal invitation to the great Centennial Masonic celebration to be held at the Masonic Temple in the city of Boston, Mass, on the 8th day of March, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877, and only regret to

state that it will be utterly impossible for me to attend, on account of pressing professional engagements.

Hoping the relations of the two jurisdictions may continue as in the past considerate and fraternal, I have the honor to be,

Yours, fraternally,

JOHN Y. MURRAY,
Grand Master.

MONTANA.

From the Grand East of the Grand Lodge of Montana to PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Esq., Grand Master of Masons in the State of Massachusetts: —

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your invitation to attend the Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as an independent Body. I deeply regret that distance and circumstances not under my control compel me to decline this invitation.

But, permit me, Most Worshipful Sir, to convey through you to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts the fraternal congratulations of the Grand Lodge of Montana on this most auspicious occasion. May the progress of your Grand Lodge henceforth be as prosperous and honorable as it has been in the past. And may the 8th day of March, A. L. 5877, be a day that will long be remembered with pleasure and satisfaction by Freemasons in the glorious Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Fraternally,

JULIAN M. KNIGHT,
Grand Master.

Attest:

CORNELIUS HEDGES,
Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA,
February 26, A. L. 5877.

NEW JERSEY.

PASSAIC, N. J., February 20th, 1877.

M. W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, ESQ., *Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts* : —

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER, — Your courteous and fraternal invitation to the Centennial of your venerable Grand Lodge has been received. Accept my sincere thanks for the invitation, and my regrets that I shall not be able to attend.

In lieu of my presence, I submit, as a sentiment : —

THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS : The Grand Lodge of New Jersey — nine years her junior, being now in the ninety-first year of her independent existence — salutes her Centennial sister with *three times three*, and prays that she may ever maintain her pre-eminence in a region noted for the poetical genius of a *Percival*, and a *Lowell*, and for the erudition and eloquence of an *Everett*.

Most fraternally yours,

M. B. SMITH,
Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21, 1877.

CHARLES H. TITUS, ESQ., *Grand Secretary* : —

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER, — I am in receipt of your very courteous invitation to attend the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts extended through you by M. W. Bro. Everett.

In case I am not prevented by legislative duties I shall be very happy to be with you.

Please present my fraternal regards to the M. W. Grand Master, and believe me

Fraternally yours,

JAMES W. HUSTED,
Grand Master.

[The following telegram was received on the day of the meeting.]

ALBANY, N. Y., March 8, 1877.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *Grand Master, Masonic Temple,*
Boston : —

I greatly regret that legislative duties prevent my acceptance of your fraternal invitation.

JAMES W. HUSTED,
Grand Master.

OHIO.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 14, 1877.

CHARLES H. TITUS, Esq., *R. W. G. Secretary of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts : —*

Your highly-esteemed communication of the 1st inst., informing me of the approaching One Hundredth Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, also covering the kind invitation of your illustrious chief, Most Worshipful Grand Master Percival Lowell Everett, is received.

It would afford me great pleasure to be present and participate in the observances of the occasion, and I regret to say that circumstances may preclude the possibility of my being with you.

Truly and fraternally thine,

C. A. WOODWARD,
Grand Master.

PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, February 19, 1877.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts : —*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 1st inst., with invitation to attend the Centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of

Massachusetts on the 8th day of March. I greatly regret that it will not be in my power to attend upon an occasion of such great interest to the Masonic Fraternity. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania holds its Quarterly Communication on the evening immediately preceding your celebration, and my attendance there precludes the possibility of my acceptance of your fraternal invitation. With my kind and sincere regard, I remain

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT CLARK,
R. W. Grand Master.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 3, 1877.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in the State of Massachusetts* : —

M. W. AND DEAR BROTHER, — Permit me to return my acknowledgments for the courteous and fraternal invitation to attend and participate in the ceremonies to be observed on Thursday, 8th March inst., the Centennial Anniversary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge.

Upon an occasion so interesting it would give me great pleasure to attend, were it within my power, and to partake of that fraternal hospitality and welcome which I feel assured will be so cordially manifested to all Brethren who may be able to be present. Duties which cannot be postponed forbid me from participating. But while unable, in person, to express to yourself and the Craft, over which you are the Grand Master, the congratulations which so auspicious a time warrant, will you accept, and through you allow me to express to my Brethren of Massachusetts, my cordial congratulations. The eminent character for benevolence, charity, conservatism, and the observance of the ties of Brotherhood, which have been steadfastly maintained by Masonry in Massachusetts, has caused

the Craft of that jurisdiction to be regarded with pride by the Brethren of other places; and the wise legislation of its Grand Lodge has been such as to earn the deserved respect and admiration of the sister Grand Lodges. Such is the feeling entertained by the Masons of South Carolina for the Masons of Massachusetts; such the regard in which the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is held by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. As Grand Master in the latter jurisdiction, it is a pleasant duty and privilege to me to give expression to these sentiments to you as Grand Master in the former jurisdiction; and bearing to you cordial congratulations upon the Centennial Anniversary of your Grand Lodge, to wish for the Masons of Massachusetts, peace and prosperity.

I am, M.W. and dear Brother, yours fraternally,

WILMOT G. DESAUSURE,
Grand Master.

TENNESSEE.

PULASKI, TENN., February 19, 1877.

R. W. CHARLES H. TITUS, G.S., Boston:—

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Accept my profound acknowledgments for the kind favor just received, asking my attendance at the Centennial celebration of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at Boston, on the 8th March prox. I would be delighted to attend and participate in the festivities of the occasion. It is, however, out of my power to do so; and I beg of you to excuse my absence, and believe my best wishes shall be for the success in every respect of the enterprise. May the next one hundred years be, if possible, more successful than the one just passing. With sentiments of high and fraternal regard I am,

Truly and fraternally,

E. EDMUNDSON,
Grand Master.

TEXAS.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, February 20, 1877.

CHARLES H. TITUS, ESQ., *Gr. Sec. of the Grand Lodge of Mass., Boston* : —

R.W. SIR, — It sorely grieves me that I cannot join in the celebration of the Centennial of M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Imperative business engagements alone prevent me from attending. If I could leave my home in the far-off Southwest, I assure you it would give me sincere pleasure to unite with distinguished Fraters from other sections in celebrating this important event in the Masonic history of America. The fates, however, have decreed it otherwise, and I can only be with you in spirit.

Permit me to tender your Grand Lodge assurances of the good will, kindly feelings and high esteem in which it is held by the Masons of Texas; and to hope that the recurrence of the event of a hundred years hence will find the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts vigorous, prosperous and useful, still maintaining the high character for learning and conservatism which now so justly distinguishes it.

In the name of a common Brotherhood we greet you.

Fraternally yours,

M. F. MOTT,
Grand Master of Masons in Texas.

VIRGINIA.

WINCHESTER, VA., February 24, 1877.

To the R. W. CHARLES H. TITUS, *Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts* : —

R.W. SIR AND BROTHER, — Your communication, of date February 1, 1877, enclosing an invitation to the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia to be present and assist at the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the establishment of the

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, has been duly forwarded to me by our Grand Secretary.

It is with much regret that I am compelled by urgent and indispensable engagements to decline this invitation.

I should be pleased indeed to witness the celebration of so auspicious an event as the firm establishment of Masonry within your Commonwealth has proved itself to be; and, as the representative head of the Masons in Virginia, to extend the right hand of Brotherhood to each and all of the Fraternity within your jurisdiction; as also to give expression to our hearty wishes for your future welfare, as well as our congratulations on your past successes.

I regret that I shall not be permitted by my presence to manifest the sincere regard which Virginia Masons have for their Brethren in Massachusetts; but I trust, Right Worshipful Sir, that the friendly and brotherly relations which so happily exist between us may long continue.

With sentiments of true regard,

I am, truly and fraternally,

RICHARD PARKER,
Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — I think the Brethren cannot fail to have observed the cordiality with which the invitation has been received, especially by the Brethren of the South; and I think they will interpret that as a good omen of the returning friendship, brotherly love, and fraternity which I trust may always exist throughout this Union.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, in connection with these responses, I beg to propose, —

“Our Sister Grand Lodges, — Blest be the tie that binds us.”

When the thought of proposing this toast occurred to me, I was in great doubt as to whom I should call upon to respond.

But I concluded to trust to "Providence," as you know that when we trust in Providence we are sure not to be disappointed.

We have with us to-night our Right Worshipful Brother, Thomas A. Doyle, and I give you his health, and call upon him to respond to the sentiment in honor of our sister Grand Lodges.

R.W. Brother Doyle, of Providence, R. I., responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND MASONS, — It seems to me that the sister Grand Lodges of this country have spoken for themselves; that we have heard from them expressions of fraternal kindness and Brotherly love and cordial greeting, sufficient to convince us that the Mother Lodge of this country, the glorious Grand Lodge of this noble Commonwealth, stands high in the esteem of all the Grand Lodges, her subordinates in years. I thought, sir, that before I should be called upon to respond for them, — for I was told, just before I came into the room, by our Most Worshipful Brother, that I must speak for the sister Grand Lodges, — that if he had left off the last two words, I should have made out a great deal better with the first half of the toast, than I shall in trying to speak for the last half of it.

But, sir, here is an array of Grand Masters, the living representatives of sister Grand Lodges. Here are the men to speak for themselves by their presence and with their voices; and it seems to me, sir, that the absent ones should have been remembered after they had been heard from. But, following the course of speaking upon such occasions, sir, I will simply say that the Grand Lodges of this country, when I heard from

them last, were all in the enjoyment of prosperity ; that the good work was going on, and they were endeavoring, to the best of their ability, and with all their power, to maintain the principles of our beloved Institution. And so, sir, having spoken for them, I will now speak for myself.

I could not but think, as I listened to that oration this afternoon, how much the people of this land are indebted to this Institution of ours. I could not but think, as I heard those names referred to, as I heard of the work done here in this old Commonwealth, in laying the corner-stone of this government, what a debt was due from the people of this country to the Institution of Freemasonry. They laid the corner-stone ; they laid it with ceremonies ; and though, sir, perhaps, on those occasions they did not exactly use corn, wine and oil, but substituted tea, salt water and the torch, yet the corner-stone of the American Republic was laid with the Masonic benediction, and baptized and moistened with the blood of good and true Masons.

When, to-day, the orator alluded to the Lodge of St. Andrew and her connection with the Revolution which led to the existence of this nation, I thought also of the burning of the Gaspee, on Narragansett Bay, which was the first overt act of treason to the mother-country ; and I remembered how the old Lodge with which I am connected furnished the men who burned that vessel.

I remember, Most Worshipful, among the names who stand connected with that event, how singularly it happens that almost all the leading spirits were members of the Masonic Institution. Think you, if it were not so, that when old King George offered the reward of a thousand pounds for the head of any one of them, if it had not been for the Masonic bond, that some one would have been found — some Judas — to have taken the re-

ward and exposed the men who did the deed? As it was with everything the Lodge of St. Andrew did, so the burning of the Gaspee was as much a Masonic secret as any secret the Masonic Institution has. God bless the memory of those noble men!

When you think, also, how all through the war of the Revolution, — when you think of the number of Masons in the army — officers and men in those Army Lodges, — and when you realize how this Institution, through all the dark periods of the Revolution, bound those men together by ties stronger than steel, can we not stand here to-day, and on this Centennial occasion bless the founders and fathers for the deeds they did, for the work they began, for the corner-stone which they laid and moistened with their blood?

I tell you, Brethren, as we look back over the history of this nation of ours, and trace its events, not alone at Valley Forge, not alone at Cambridge, not alone here in Boston, not alone through the battle-fields of the Revolution, but from that time down to this, the good men, the true men of this country, who have stood in more than one instance for the safety of the nation, — even through the last conflict, — the men who stood out noblest and firmest, were identified with this Institution; and, as our Right Worshipful Brother Benjamin Dean said here some years ago, at one of your festivals, how much the influence of Masonry had to do with moulding the characters of those men the world cannot estimate. But we, Brethren, can estimate it, and measure it; for we know, as has been said here before to-day, — and eloquently said, — the man who is a true Mason will be a true citizen; he will love his country, and will not prove recreant to her interests.

When the history of our last civil war is written; when we shall write up all the history of the men who participated in it; when all the Grand Lodges come to write up and search our

history, you will be astonished to know (as much as you now know of it) how the men who went out from the Masonic Institution rose, step by step, and how even those who went out in the ranks won honor and distinction. In our own jurisdiction we kept a sacred roll of the Brethren who went out, and it is a matter of interest to see how promotion marked those men, how honor followed them, and how they rose step by step.

Why is it, Brethren? It is because Masons are selected from their fellow-men, and, being men of that character, they could not help winning distinction; because they had to be as true upon the field of battle as they were within the Lodge-room, and in the walks of peace.

Our Institution has a work to do, Brethren, which none others can do; and to the various Grand Lodges of the several jurisdictions is committed the preservation of the Order. While the rest are conspicuous, above them all stands this mother Grand Lodge. Those of us who have been in positions by which we have been enabled to follow the doings of Grand Lodges in all the jurisdictions, accord to the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that she has maintained the conservative principles of the Institution; that she has been true to the landmarks, and that here, in its purity, Masonry has been taught, and explained and preserved.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, as has been said to you in those letters, sir, there is not a jurisdiction in this country outside of your own but what sends greetings — and hearty greetings, too — to this honorable old Commonwealth, and prays that the Grand Lodge, of which you are the head, may continue to transmit to the centuries to come the principles of our beloved Institution unimpaired.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — Most Worshipful Grand Master, since

the union of the two Grand Lodges in Massachusetts in 1792, the Craft of this jurisdiction have claimed all the credit which was won by either Grand Lodge. Among the most important and creditable performances of the Most Worshipful Saint John's Grand Lodge was the establishment of the Holy Saint John's Lodge of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. With that jurisdiction I am most happy to say the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has always preserved the most friendly and cordial relations. Our Bro. Gardner has given to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of that jurisdiction the credit of having first drawn the attention of this jurisdiction to the fortunate event which we have celebrated to-day. Judge Gardner has brought this charge against the Grand Master of that jurisdiction, and I now ask that Most Worshipful Grand Master what he says, Guilty, or not guilty? Brethren, I give you the health of the Most Worshipful John J. Bell, Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire.

Most Worshipful Brother Bell responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — It gives me great pleasure to be present upon this occasion to celebrate what I regard as one of the anniversaries of our own Grand Lodge; for, as it is true that we, as Americans, have an equal right, with the Brethren on the other side of the Atlantic, to the names of Shakespeare and Milton, and the other worthies of the early time in England, so we in New Hampshire are entitled, equally with you, to the honor that belongs to all the Brethren of the two Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, whether the original Lodges in New Hampshire derived their existence from the one or the other; and, until the time when our Grand Lodge was itself formed as an equally independent Grand

Lodge, we were entitled to share in all the honors that belonged to any of the Masons in this jurisdiction.

I was particularly gratified, this afternoon, in listening to the eloquent oration that was delivered, and especially in that point which so prominently brought forward the relation which the Craft sustained to the independence and the liberties of the nation. And yet, why should I be surprised at this, when I know that it must necessarily have been the outgrowth of that great, peculiar distinction which separates the Institution of Freemasonry from all those other societies which the public are inclined to class with us, and to regard as being with us in one particular class of institutions? That distinction is, that when a man becomes a Mason, it is not that he expects anything for himself, — honors, wealth or position, — but he comes with a declaration disregarding all those, and with but a sincere desire to be able to do something to promote the good of mankind; something for the good of others. It is this which distinguishes us from all others — that we are here not for our own good, but for the good that we can do to the world about us. And it is true that the value of every Lodge, and the value of every Mason, will be chiefly seen in the good that has been achieved by him, or that the Lodge has been able to achieve in the neighborhood that surrounds it. It is not, therefore, a matter of surprise that we find so many Masons among those who did so much for us one hundred years ago.

My Right Worshipful Bro. Gardner has seen fit to ascribe to me some share of the praise, or dispraise, of being the occasion of this gathering. I have only to say that it seems to me that it demonstrates in a peculiar manner the value of the position which I have held as Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence in the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; for it demonstrates that, although those committees may be mis-

led, as in the present instance, still their errors may be the means of bringing to light the truth, and the value of the Craft to the world.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — The second Lodge chartered by Saint John's Grand Lodge was Saint John's Lodge of Newport, R. I. It was chartered December 27th, 1749; and from that and the other Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has sprung the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. I give you the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Nicholas Van Slyck, of Rhode Island.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Van Slyck responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BROTHER TOAST-MASTER, — Permit me, in behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, to thank you for the honor you have done that Grand Lodge, in inviting its presiding officer to be with you upon this occasion. I have the honor to represent a State, the smallest in territory within these United States; and I have not the high honor, that you have, of presiding over so large a body of Masons. But, while not having that honor, I claim for that Grand Lodge that it has always endeavored to live as faithfully by the landmarks of Masonry as any Grand Lodge, either upon this or the other hemisphere. I want it distinctly understood that we in Rhode Island do not intend to be taken in proportion to our territory. Whatever may be the size of that territory, we feel conscious that we can claim as much devotion to Masonry as may be claimed by any other jurisdiction.

But, Most Worshipful, there is in Masonry a feeling and a

practice — I think I may not be charged with an unmasonic remark, if I say the landmark — which causes us to look up to our aged Brethren ; to care for them upon all occasions in processions ; to see that they are provided for at tables and other places ; to see that they take that rank which age and experience entitle them to, — has never been better illustrated than it has been upon this occasion.

What is true, Most Worshipful, in reference to individual Masons is also true of Grand Lodges, wherever they exist. They are always glad, as Grand Lodges, as we are glad as Masons, to look up to the elder of our sisters ; and I, representing a junior Grand Lodge, take pleasure in acknowledging that we admire — and that we even love — the old Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. We know there is and that there can be no jealousy ; there is and can be no contention, except that Masonic contention so well known to every Brother who listens to the sound of my voice. There is nothing you have done, my Brethren, in the past that we take not as much pride in as does any member of this Grand Lodge, or any Brother within this jurisdiction. If you claim for yourselves the proud honor of having established that principle of independence so splendidly referred to by the orator this afternoon — and again so repeatedly referred to here — we take that same proud right, and we acknowledge our indebtedness to you, in that the principles thus established were not for yourselves alone, but that we, in common with the other Grand Lodges in this country, are enjoying the practice of those principles.

Most Worshipful, the principle of independence, or sovereignty, on the part of the Grand Lodges, as has been said, is so well established throughout this land that it would seem that it could not even be questioned. That a question has been made in one jurisdiction does not at all alarm me or cause me,

for a moment, to feel but that this principle there, as in other Grand Lodges, will be recognized and acted upon.

But, my Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I perhaps ought to say that you have a right to be proud — perhaps even beyond the jurisdiction which I so feebly represent — of the character of the men who compose this Body. While we admire age, and while we do homage to the past, we cannot but take pride in the present of Masonry here. We cannot but feel a pride that there has been an advance — and a great advance, too — in the present condition of Masonry here. Who could sit in the hall below, or who can stand here, and look into the faces that surround him, without feeling a pride not only in your Grand Lodge here, but feeling a pride that he, as a Mason, is permitted to call each of you Brother, and take each one of you by the hand? The character of your Grand Lodge now suffers not by comparison with any other Grand Lodge in the world; and I have that confidence in this people, I have that confidence in this State, that the proud position she now occupies will not be lost on account of any lack of effort, either upon your part or upon the part of those that succeed you. And if, by comparison between you and ourselves, the honor you have attained shall be still greater than it is now, we will, in the future as now, acknowledge our indebtedness to you, and pray that your prosperity may be continued.

R.W. BRO. DOYLE. — Most Worshipful, I desire that a note may be made upon the record of our proceedings, that two men from Rhode Island have spoken at a feast outside of that State in the same day.

R.W. BRO. VAN SLICK. — And let it be also recorded that we can in no way be known, except by the noise we make.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — Charters were granted by the Saint John's Grand Lodge to Hiram Lodge, of New Haven, August 12, 1752, which is still in existence, and, I understand, has its records from the beginning; to Union Lodge, of New London, January 12, 1753; and to St. John's Lodge, of Middletown, February 4, 1754.

Thus has the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut taken life from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. It has further honored itself by conferring the office of Grand Master upon one bearing the family name of one who was most highly honored and respected during a long Masonic life. I refer to John Rowe, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge. I give you the health and prosperity of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Edward B. Rowe.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Rowe responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — It is an unquestioned prerogative of the Grand Master, as you well know, upon occasions when he is himself unable to attend, to depute his authority to some competent Brother. I have listened, Most Worshipful Sir, to the eloquent words of the distinguished Brother who delivered the oration this afternoon, and I have listened also to the distinguished Brethren who have preceded me; and I must confess, sir, my inability to respond to this sentiment as I wish. I cannot express to you the great pleasure I have enjoyed in being present upon this occasion.

The jurisdiction over which I have the honor to preside is accustomed to look upon the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as an elder sister, one whom we very greatly respect, and one

whom we love equally well. Though, sir, but a few years the junior, yet we are accustomed to recognize her edicts as eminently sound; and we know very well that where Massachusetts leads we may safely follow.

In Union Lodge, No. 31, which drew its Charter from the mother Grand Lodge, I first saw Masonic light; and it is with very great pleasure that I can claim my first Masonic experience in a Lodge drawing its Charter from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

But, sir, I did not rise to make a speech. My distinguished Brother upon my right [R.W. Bro. Van Slyck], a few moments ago, made an allusion (which is very well known to you all) to the wooden nutmeg. I plead guilty to the charge. We have them there; they are a peculiar institution, and, I may say, a successful one, and one which Rhode Island, with all her skill and mechanism, — and one, sir, which even Massachusetts, with her perhaps more skilful artisans, — has never yet skilfully imitated.

I claim my prerogative, and I must depute my authority to make a speech to some more competent Brother. But I beg, in closing, to give this sentiment: The Masonic Fraternity of Massachusetts; their hospitality is as proverbial as is their standard of Masonry high and their work excellent.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — Most Worshipful Grand Master, the orator this afternoon alluded to the large amount of work which was performed by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge after it declared itself independent. It distributed Charters right and left all over the country; and among the Charters sent to other States were two to the State of Vermont, — the Vermont Lodge, located at Cornish, November 8, 1781, and the North Star Lodge of Manchester, January 19, 1785, and hence originated

the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I propose that we drink success and prosperity, in the future as in the past, to that Institution, and the health of its Most Worshipful Grand Master, Henry H. Smith.

M.W. Grand Master Smith responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, MR. TOAST-MASTER AND BRETHREN, — In rising to respond to the toast just announced, I find that language is very poor, indeed, to express a great many things; and, among others, my gratitude for having the pleasure of being here this evening, and having a chance to express to you the pleasure I feel; and particularly do I feel the honor that it is to have the privilege of getting up here to-night.

I am very glad that I have a chance to represent a daughter of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The Grand Lodge of Vermont is almost a hundred years old. She is over eighty; and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had children pretty early. Our organization dates from 1794. There were only a few Lodges at that time — I do not remember how many; five I think — which organized our Grand Lodge in October of that year. It was organized by such men as had just come through the Revolution — just exactly such men as saved Massachusetts at one time; men whose characters had been established by the fire, and the sweat, and the losses of the then just closed Revolution. And, Most Worshipful Grand Master, it gives me such feelings of pleasure to be able to claim to be not only a son of Vermont, but a grandson of Massachusetts, that I cannot express them.

When our Grand Lodge was organized it was not a secession,

by any manner of means ; but we were away off yonder among those eternal mountains —

M.W. BROTHER VAN SLYCK. — Accession.

M.W. BROTHER SMITH. — Too far from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to have them see to us. After a while we came to years of discretion, and with the consent of the Masons of Massachusetts and of the Grand Master of Massachusetts, with no unkind feeling toward the Mother Lodge, or any member of it, we composed and did erect our own Grand Lodge.

By the way, I am very happy to state that this is an anniversary which is always a source of great pleasure to me. It was just eight years ago to-night that I took the Third Degree in Masonry ; and I have never been sorry I took it. I took it as easily as I could, and I was glad when I found out all about it.

Now, I wish to express the kind feeling that actuates us in Vermont towards this old Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and I want to express the pleasure I feel in having a chance to become acquainted with your Most Worshipful Grand Master and these Brethren from the New England jurisdictions. This is the corner of the universe where pretty much all that is good in Masonry is furnished in abundance.

I do not believe in long post-prandial speeches, for I believe that when one has said all he can say it is better to quit. I see many countenances about me aching to say something ; and after again proffering my expression of thankfulness I will give way to some one older in the Craft.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Vermont has only furnished us with another exemplification of the fact that children often better the instruction of the fathers. Here in Massachusetts it takes us at least twenty

years to get to be a Grand Master ; but here is one who is only eight years a Mason.

We are fortunate in having with us to-night more distinguished Brethren from other jurisdictions than it has been my good fortune to see on occasions of this sort. You have heard from most of them, and now I propose to come down a little nearer home, and go a little way out of Massachusetts into a jurisdiction which was a part of Massachusetts about fifty years ago. Saint John's Grand Lodge chartered Portland Lodge, of Portland, in 1762, and on the same day it chartered Falmouth Lodge, of Falmouth. On the fourth of September, 1778, it chartered Warren Lodge, of Machias, and that Lodge has the distinguished honor of having been one of the first to contribute to the education of the children of Joseph Warren, after he was killed at Bunker Hill. Contributions from the Lodges of Massachusetts were generous and liberal, but from none were there more generous contributions than from this. On the first of June, 1820, the Brethren of the then new State of Maine organized their Grand Lodge. They had previously appointed committees who had corresponded with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and obtained their cordial, hearty and unanimous consent to the erection of a Grand Lodge in that jurisdiction. That Grand Body was organized on the first of June, 1820, and they chose, as their first Grand Master, William King, who was the first Governor of the State, and as their first Senior Grand Warden, Simon Greenleaf, who afterwards became Grand Master, and is known to many as the Dane Professor of Law at Harvard University. Brethren, I give you the success and prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and with it the health of the Brother who has not only been distinguished as Grand Master of that jurisdiction, but has been distinguished in every department of

Masonry, having rendered most generous and liberal services to the Institution in every department to which he has been called, — the Hon. Josiah H. Drummond.

R.W. Past Grand Master Drummond responded: —

• MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — While, as a Mason bound to obey all lawful commands of those in authority over me, I respond to your call, I have good reason to say that I am taken by surprise, and that I had no reason to expect to be called upon ; for, while R.W. Brother Gardner could say that he had received short notice, receiving it since he came into this hall, and our R.W. Bro. Toast-Master deemed it fitting that he should apologize for having given R.W. Bro. Heard only the same notice that he had given R.W. Bro. Gardner, I have received no notice at all ! For I wish it to be distinctly understood, the general notice did not include me, or any Mason of Maine, coming to unite in the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Our R.W. Brother Doyle whispered to me in the Grand Secretary's office that he understood that the "foreigners" were to do the speaking ; I could not apply that term to myself, especially as I heard him suggest to his own M.W. Grand Master that he (M.W. Brother Van Slyck) was the only "foreigner" present ! Nor was I included, Most Worshipful Sir, in the notice you gave in Grand Lodge, that "the distinguished guests from abroad would be introduced to the Brethren at the table ;" for without claiming modesty, the possession of which, some of you (who do not know me well !) might be inclined to deny me, and, undertaking, to shelter myself under your use of the word "distinguished," I shall always insist that, among the Masons of Massachusetts, I am neither "a foreigner," nor "from abroad."

But as your Toast-Master has given a sentiment in honor of Maine, and you have called upon me to respond, I will do so, as a slight return for the great pleasure I experience in being here with you.

As R.W. Bro. Nickerson has stated, a Charter was granted in 1762, by Grand Master Jeremy Gridley, to Alexander Ross, for a Lodge at Portland, then a part of the ancient town of Falmouth. But "his business being great, and his infirmities greater, prevented his opening a Lodge." He died in 1768, and with his death the authority of the Warrant ceased.

But in 1769, upon petition of several resident Masons, your namesake, Most Worshipful Sir (to M.W. Grand Master Rowe of Connecticut), John Rowe, Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge, granted a Warrant, or "Deputation," as it was then called, to William Tyng, to open a Lodge in Falmouth. No specific name was given in the Charter; but it was at first known as "the Lodge at Falmouth;" and when Portland was incorporated, in 1786, the Lodge began, as a matter of course, to be called "the Lodge at Portland;" and soon, "Portland Lodge." This change of name has led to the erroneous impression that there were two Lodges. Portland Lodge has preserved its existence, and, with the exception of one or two periods during and after the war, and a short time when it attempted to surrender its Charter, on account of the organization of another Lodge in Portland, a continuous record from 1769 to the present time. But the record is not complete; from 1769 to 1805 the Master's Lodge was held as a Body distinct from the Fellow Craft's and Entered Apprentice Lodge, and it kept a separate record, which has not been preserved.

Among the founders and early members of this Lodge were many whose names are well known in the early annals of Masonry and the civil government of the Commonwealth;

among them were Tyng, Preble, Codman, McDaniel; Thomas and Edward Oxnard, sons of the Thomas Oxnard, who was Grand Master from 1743 to 1754; and Abraham Osgood, whose son, of the same name, was buried by the same Lodge *one hundred and four* years afterwards, the membership of the two extending over that whole period save three years which intervened between the death of the father and the admission of the son.

If the strife between the "Ancients" and the "Moderns" ever reached Maine, it was composed in a most admirable manner. The record (Dec. 16, 1772) says, —

"In order to establish harmony amongst the Freemasons in this town, it is *Voted*, That (for the future) the Lodge be opened one evening in the Modern form and the next evening in the Ancient form, which is to be continued till the Lodge vote to the contrary.

"N. B. The makings to be as usual in this Lodge."

This is the only mention of "Ancient" or "Modern" in the records.

At the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, many of the members were prominent in public affairs, but, unlike their Brethren of St. Andrew, they were divided in opinion. Tyng, the Master; Gray, the Secretary; Thomas and Edward Oxnard, both leading members; Pote, and others, espoused the side of the crown; while Preble, almost made young again by the momentous events amid which he was acting, and Codman, McDaniel and Ilsley, as warmly espoused the side of the colonies.

Preble and Codman were upon the Committee of Correspondence of Falmouth, and McDaniel upon that of Scarboro', and acted in connection with Paul Revere and his associates in Boston. Preble and Tyng had a public altercation, for which

the latter begged the former's pardon, and apologized to his satisfaction.

The Lodge met April 19, 1775, and transacted the usual business; the next day came the news of the battle of Lexington, and the next day Tyng left not to return for twenty years, and soon after nearly all the royalists left, some never to return, and others, like the Oxnards, to return after the war.

A blank page follows the record of this meeting, and the next meeting, of which there is a record, was held four days after the battle of Bunker Hill. The Lodge then found itself without a Master or Secretary, but proceeded at once, and as a matter of course, to reorganize by the choice of new officers, and arranged to celebrate St. John's Day as usual. In October following, the town was burned by Mowatt; many who had been in comfortable circumstances found themselves, at the beginning of the winter, without shelter, clothing, or even food; more than one thousand persons were reduced to great distress and stood in need of immediate relief. As the Masons had been prominent in their opposition to the measures of parliament, many of them had been especially singled out for punishment. One of them was driven from his own door by a file of marines and his house burned. But they were especially active in relieving the distress of others. They met as a Lodge, but probably not so frequently as formerly, and the evidence is conclusive that the record of many meetings has not been preserved.

I have given these details, not on account of their own interest, but to give emphasis to other facts which I am about to state. In spite of all these things which I have narrated, the record does not make a single allusion to political matters, and but one to the war, and that indirectly; it is given as a reason for balloting for two candidates at the same meeting at which their petition was presented, that they were in the army.

and were about to leave town. Again, when Thomas Oxnard returned after the war, although he was arrested for returning from banishment contrary to law, on a complaint of a member of the Lodge, he was received in the Lodge, composed then almost wholly of his opponents, as if he had been a constant attendant, and shortly after he was elected Senior Warden. Under the By-Laws his "absence from the Province" excused him from paying quarterages, and thus his membership was preserved. In what other organization or institution could these things have happened under the same circumstances?

The second Lodge in Maine — Warren Lodge, named after Grand Master Warren — was chartered in 1778, by Massachusetts Grand Lodge, very soon after its own organization. As a singular coincidence, the third Lodge — Lincoln — was chartered by the united Grand Lodge, immediately after the union in 1792.

Thus we, in Maine, claim in direct line under both the old Grand Lodges in this Commonwealth, as well as under the present Grand Lodge.

After the union in 1792, Masonry made rapid strides in Maine, enrolling in its ranks her ablest and most honored sons, until 1820, when she became a sovereign and independent State. Then the Masons of Maine, acting upon the same principles declared by Massachusetts Grand Lodge one hundred years ago to-night, proceeded to form an independent Grand Lodge for their own State. This was done with the active co-operation and assistance of the Mother Grand Lodge.

Our distinguished Brother, — the orator of the day, — in his eloquent address, explained one thing which has puzzled me a good deal, and I am no longer at a loss to account for one circumstance attending the organization of the Grand Lodge of Maine; for she who springs into existence a full-grown matron,

and gives birth to a child the same day, when she comes to set up a daughter in housekeeping on her own account, may well, in addition to the usual fitting-out, fill her daughter's house with children! Our Mother Grand Lodge did this; when she "fitted out" her daughter of Maine, she gave the latter, as a part of her dowry, *thirty-one* children, with which to commence housekeeping. But the daughter has imitated the fecundity of the mother, and has increased her family sixfold, and now presents as her jewels *one hundred and eighty* buxom, fruitful daughters, who, in their turn, claim some twenty thousand sons!

I have listened with much complacency to the Brethren who have spoken here this afternoon, in their claims of relationship to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; they make her an elder Sister; but we, in Maine, find in her both *mother* and *sister*.

But allow me to refer to what happened a hundred years ago to-day. I have thought of it much and often, and always to wonder at the almost superhuman wisdom shown by the men who enunciated the principles of Masonic government then adopted. I have looked for the source from which they derived their fundamental idea. It was not from precedent, for none was to be found, as there had been no occasion for one. I have come to the conclusion that it was derived from the law that a Mason must be obedient to the laws of the country in which he lives; and, therefore, that Masonic obedience ought to be concurrent with civil obedience. From this necessarily results the doctrine that there should be a Grand Lodge in each independent nation in the world.

To the system of Masonic law and polity, which we now have, we may well apply the remark of a distinguished Brother before me (Cheever), concerning the institution of Masonry itself: "It was not made, but it has grown."

Looking back over the past, we cannot appreciate the difficulties experienced by those who were establishing new principles, or applying old ones to meet new exigencies. Wisdom after the fact is easy; but the doctrine evolved by our fathers one hundred years ago, from the principle of obedience to civil law, is one of the grandest we can find in the history of our Institution, and I trust our Right Worshipful Brother Woodbury will trace it to its origin, and give the Craft the benefit of his labors.

In this same principle may be found the reason why the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts opposed the scheme of a General Grand Lodge when it was first proposed, and why she has continued to oppose it ever since. She regarded a Grand Lodge as a Masonic nation, and held that there was no more need of a General Grand Lodge to govern the Grand Lodges than there was for one general civil government to govern all the nations of the earth.

This leads me to another point, which I hope Brother Woodbury will also fully elucidate. A Grand Lodge being a Masonic nation, the same principles applicable to nations in their intercourse with each other are applicable to Grand Lodges. There is a system of inter-Grand-Lodge law, as well as a system of international law. The system of international law is not founded on treaties, but is derived directly from *natural law*; in the same manner the laws, regulating the intercourse of Grand Lodges among themselves, are not the result of treaties, but are derived from natural law. The same reasoning that establishes principles in the one case establishes them in the other. So when our Brethren in other countries say to us, "You have an American system of Masonic law, established by general consent," I say, "No; but we have a system which grows out of the fact of the existence of a plurality of Grand

Lodges, being deduced from natural law, in the same manner as international law; and, like that, as binding all over the world as the United States." International law, in its present state, has been the growth of centuries; but the ultimate recognition of its principles was as certain at the beginning as that civilization would endure; and I am firm in the faith that it is as certain that the same general principles will be universally applied to Grand Lodges as that Masonry shall endure.

One of the principles of international law is, that the government of a nation is supreme in its own territory.

R.W. BRO. WOODBURY. — And exclusive.

R.W. BRO. DRUMMOND. — Yes, and *exclusive*; I was coming to that. For the same reason, a Grand Lodge has supreme and exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in its own territory.

Another principle of international law is that all nations are the peers of each other; so with Grand Lodges. And the Grand Lodge of the glorious old Commonwealth of Massachusetts is but the peer of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, whose territory is so small that, as we have learned here this evening, when two of her sons are to make a speech the same day *they are sent out of the State to do it!*

But I must not dwell longer upon this. I desire again to express my exceeding gratification at being with you to-night; to thank you, in behalf of the Craft in Maine, for your kind allusion to our Grand Lodge, and to assure you of the continuance of our friendship and filial love. And I desire to remind you again that when, among the Masons of Massachusetts, you speak of "foreigners," or "guests from abroad," — whether "distinguished" or otherwise, — you must not expect any Mason of Maine to rise in answer to the call.

M.W. BRO. ROWE. — I wanted to say of that Hiram Lodge No. 1, in my jurisdiction, that since its institution, nearly one hundred years ago, it has never omitted a Stated Communication of the Lodge. This can hardly be said of any other Lodge in my jurisdiction, and I presume it can be said of but very few in New England.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Past Grand Master of Maine takes exception to either your or my own classification of him as a distinguished foreigner. I am willing to accept the amendment which he proposes, and admit that he is one of us. But now, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I come down to a Brother in regard to whom there cannot be the slightest difference of opinion; one who has been long connected with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in the most important positions, and who has rendered it important services. He is “chock full” of Masonry, and you cannot tap him without his running, as he has this afternoon, a stream of most interesting, valuable and instructive information in regard to the antiquities of this Grand Lodge. But, Most Worshipful Grand Master, he is even better posted in regard to the antiquities of the Fraternity in general than he is in regard to the Fraternity in Massachusetts. Some portion of what he has told you this afternoon he has obtained from other Brethren. But when you touch him upon the antiquities of our Institution, as dispersed over the whole globe, you find him ready to give the fullest information; so I propose to give you the health of Right Worshipful Charles Levi Woodbury.

R.W. Bro. Woodbury responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — When a great battle occurred where the horrid Hotspur lost his life after the Prince

of Wales retired, Falstaff rose and fought Hotspur a long hour by "Shrewsbury clock." Now, having heard me for one long hour by "Shrewsbury clock," I think the Brethren have heard enough of me, and I think I had better shut up and dry up, and give place to better orators.

I am gratified, and I may say highly gratified, in this: that, from the remarks made by these eloquent gentlemen representing our Sister Grand Lodges in New England, I do not see that I have failed in pointing out the landmarks of Freemasonry or in indicating the line of conduct which was pursued by the Masonic Fraternity during the days of which I have spoken. Our Revolution was, indeed, so politically and masonically blended together that you cannot trace the movement of the one without keeping even pace with and recording the movements of the other. I desire, here, more fully than I did in my oration, to impress upon the Brethren the fact that prior to the Articles of Confederation being entered into by the Independent Colonies, the Massachusetts Grand Lodge declared her independence.

All the rest of the Grand Lodges of the old thirteen States, with the exception of Rhode Island and Delaware, — the two smallest of the States, and, therefore, the least numerous in Lodges, — had declared their independence prior to the formation of the Constitution of 1787, which went into effect in 1789; so that we grew up and formed our institutions while the Articles of Confederation were in force in the United States; and that, probably more than anything else, is the reason why the doctrine of exclusive State Grand Lodges, under which we have lived in unity and harmony for a hundred years, was adopted.

I would say, in this connection, that, commencing my inves-

tigation very late, having notice from the Grand Master after the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, I had not much time to devote to these historical examinations; that I found the quantity and wealth of matter so great and pressing that I was compelled to refrain from going into particulars as I desired to, but had to confine myself to generalities. My feeling was that I had not done sufficient justice to the various Lodges of other States and the various Lodges of this State. I have merely undertaken to follow the pulse of that obscured but illustrious time, and to indicate the line which must be followed by more careful and exact historians, if they would reap the neglected crop standing ripe in our field. I hope that some industrious students of the Masonic arts will put the history of this era in due form. We shall appreciate the efforts of all Masons in this behalf.

I was struck with another thing to which I will call your attention; and that is the vast preponderance of the old York Masons over modern Masonry at that era. Saint John's Grand Lodge here, and the Provincial Grand Lodge in South Carolina, had given the bulk of the Charters which emanated from the Grand Lodge at London, which were then practising the "Modern" rite. But the most of the Masonic Lodges came from the "Old York" Masons, who, in several particulars of the forms of government and their ritual, had a clear distinction between them and the "Modern" Masonry. They denounced the "Modern" Masons as being imperfect Masons.

Another distinction which the "Old York" Masons held was, that there were four degrees instead of three. When, at last, we and almost all of those Grand Lodges had united "York" and "Modern" Masonry into one rite, it was not until 1813 that England followed in the same path, and her two Grand

Lodges, "Ancient" and "Modern," united together, and when they did unite it was on these terms: that there were four degrees in Masonry. But in Pennsylvania, and in many of the Grand Lodges of the United States where the Union took place, the control over several Chapter degrees was retained for many years, as part of blue Masonry, and is not yet extinct.

That is an historical fact which should impress itself upon your minds. I have not traced it out in its fullest extent, but enough appears to show the fact.

R.W. BRO. DRUMMOND. — In regard to Pennsylvania, Most Worshipful, a decision has been made by the Grand Lodge, since 1877 came in, that in that State the proper title is not Ancient York Masons; but now it is Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — I have had occasion to allude to the diversity of professions and trades represented by the Brethren who were distinguished in Masonry at the time of the Revolution. The same fact has existed since the first organization of the Institution. We have had our attention particularly called to the distinguished services rendered by the members of the bar. We have had hints of the services rendered by such men as Jeremy Gridley, James Otis, Perez Morton, and Christopher Gore. It is a fact that in those early days in the history of the Institution in this country the most distinguished lawyers were the most distinguished Masons; and I think it is not too much to claim that, in this day, the same fact exists. I think the Brethren have observed that we have been surrounded by some of the most prominent members of the bar of the State.

I give you, then, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the services rendered by the bar of this country during the Revolution ; and the health of our Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Charles A. Welch.

R.W. Bro. Welch responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — When I joined the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons many years ago, one great pleasure I expected from it was, that I should here lose for a time all remembrance of the profession to which I belonged, and secure a safe retreat from the “laborious days,” which, as you all know, the lawyer has so often to spend, that he may properly take care of his clients’ interests, and “win that fair guerdon,” whether it be money or reputation, which all men hope to find. But I see now that the law, or lawyers, at least, are to be found where anything good is going on. I came here this afternoon and listened to an oration from a lawyer, full of deserved commendation of various distinguished members of this profession, during Revolutionary times, who were also eminent in Masonry ; and when I sat down at this table “to eat and drink, and in communion sweet quaff intellectual bliss,” I found myself surrounded by lawyers, not only of this Commonwealth, but by those who have come from other New England States to honor our Centennial. Now, I am called upon to respond to a toast in praise of lawyers, at a moment when my throat from the smoke around me has become as dry as the law itself, on whose nursing breast I have been hanging for more than thirty years, without having, as yet, obtained enough nourishment to be more than a babe in her mysteries, and when my ideas have become as dim as this murky atmosphere redolent with tobacco smoke which I am breathing. If

I endeavor in the space of time allowed to an after-dinner speech to eulogize the eminent lawyers of the last century, who were members of this Body, the eulogy would consist of names and a very meagre statement of what gave them their reputation. I may be permitted, however, to allude to one or two, and perhaps it may not seem out of place, while we are bringing to our remembrance those who made Masonry independent in this Commonwealth a hundred years ago, to say a word or so about one who was a Provincial Grand Master of Massachusetts, and died in 1767, before the event which we have met to celebrate; but who by his ability and reputation gave character to Masonry while it was yet in its infancy here, and was acquiring under the guidance of its parents in the mother-country strength to commence its independent career, — I mean the Hon. Jeremy Gridley, twice Attorney-General of the Province, and a learned lawyer, when lawyers were few and of course valued; when you could literally count upon your fingers every barrister in Boston. A distinguished lawyer of our own day has said of him and some other of his contemporaries, “that they shed the splendor of their own characters on the profession to which they belonged, and the courts in which they practised.” You will understand the full significance of this praise when I add for your information that the Court in those days was composed to a large extent of clergymen. Perhaps people were then so much better, that a clergyman found leisure for less important duties than those to which he is now obliged, when he has the cure of souls, to give up his whole time and strength. Mr. Gridley was what was called a Whig, and the orator James Otis studied in his office, and very probably strengthened under his tuition that love of liberty which God had implanted in him, that he might in the full maturity of his powers be a pillar of fire for his countrymen to follow in those dark days which preceded our

country's independence. After Otis had attained distinction at the bar, and when he argued the famous case against Writs of Assistance (an ancient invention which has been made some use of latterly), his old instructor, Gridley, who was employed for the Crown, defended their legality; and John Adams, who was present, wrote "that it was a moral spectacle, more affecting than anything he had ever seen upon the stage, to observe a pupil treating his master with all the deference, respect, esteem and affection of a son to a father, and yet baffling and confuting his arguments," while "Gridley seemed to exult inwardly at the glory and triumph of his pupil." Such conduct on the part of the master and his pupil showed the kind and liberal feelings which Masonry had taught and inculcated. From the same authority we learn that Gridley as a speaker was ungraceful, hesitating in his utterances, but energetic in manner and impressive by his peculiarly emphatic use of language, always giving a legal opinion as if he was fully convinced of its truth, and arguing it like one who had better means of knowledge than those whom he addressed. Contrast the judges of those days in their scarlet robes, large wigs and head bands, and the barristers in their gowns and tye-wigs, with a court of justice of the present time, and what a difference! If our Provincial Grand Master should now revisit the city of his residence; how changed would everything appear, the manners and customs, as well as the dress! If Masonry then had its thousands of members, it now has its hundreds of thousands. At the Masonic Feasts of those days the hard heads of our ancient Brethren were warmed from bowls filled with the generous liquors of the West India Islands, hot as the tropical regions from which they were brought; we, with a more delicate taste, choose the sparkling beverage which comes from gay France, the wonderful discovery of the dear monk whose name I have forgotten; we sip the straw-colored

dancing liquid, "which cheers but not inebriates;" "fruit of delicious vines, the growth of heaven," and know that while it tickles the palate, quickens the pulsations of the heart, and makes the blood flow with a little more life, its effects are as evanescent as the airy bubbles which rise to its surface. One hundred years hence, when the next Centennial is celebrated, a still greater change may happen; art may have given place to nature; and our successors may drink the same pure and limpid fluid which Adam and Eve drank in Paradise, and be satisfied with the same liquid which ever since the fall has satisfied the ox and the ass.

But it is not my duty now to speak of the present, or to prophesy the reformatations which are to come. I am simply to recall to your memories those whose dust is moistened only by the dews of heaven. Passing from this Provincial Grand Master to those of the Fraternity who flourished in the early days of the Independence of our Grand Lodge, we have Perez Morton, Deputy Grand Master in 1788 and 1789, for over twenty years Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, a graceful and polished speaker, — John Lowell, Deputy Grand Master in 1785, '86, and '87, and before that, Grand Treasurer, whose name is inscribed on the tablet behind me, as a member of the Grand Lodge when its independence was established. Ardent party zeal and political prejudice often led him to say and write harsh words, but never to violate the principles of sincerity and truth. We have also Governor Gore, whose beautiful house, even now the most beautiful and expensive in the town of Waltham, where he resided, still remains as an evidence of his wealth and taste, and whose zeal for Masonry, and the respect paid to him by his Masonic Brethren, is shown by his being selected to deliver an oration before the Fraternity on the Festival of St. John the Baptist in 1783. But why multiply names? The law, like the

other professions, and the various trades and callings, has contributed its fair share to the firm establishment of Masonry in this Commonwealth, upon sound foundations, and the members of the Institution have honored many of our profession by placing them in positions of official dignity and trust; but we remember, with equal affection and respect, those of every calling who participated in the good work.

It was a wise suggestion of our R.W. and learned Brother, also a member of the legal profession, that we should meet together and celebrate this day; and now that the day is so far spent, and the pleasures which we promised ourselves, when the suggestion was adopted by our Grand Master, have been so fully and satisfactorily enjoyed, we can do no less than acknowledge how much we are indebted for this enjoyment to the orator who has so learnedly and eloquently instructed us, and to our Brethren who have come from other Grand Lodges, our younger sisters, or daughters as we may properly call some of them, and so heartily joined with us in our celebration.

R.W. BRO. WOODBURY. — I desire to make one addition to the list which Brother Welch has just gone over, and that is to the memory of the Senior Grand Warden, Samuel Barrett, whose name is inscribed on the wall there. He was a sail-maker, and lived in Faneuil street.

R.W. BRO. PARKMAN. — He belonged to St. Andrew's Lodge.

R.W. BRO. WOODBURY. — After the Independence of the country was established it was found necessary to balance the exuberance of the lawyers by a little common sense, and he was made judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — A great interest has been excited within

a few years past, in the world of Natural History and Theology, in regard to the origin of the human race. There is a diversity of opinion whether or not the human race originated from the tadpole or not. There is a certain distinguished naturalist, by the name of Darwin, who has made a great name for himself, by maintaining that the whole human race came originally from the tadpole, and more directly from the monkey. We have a distinguished Brother, a member of this jurisdiction, who, some few years ago, thought it his duty to go into foreign jurisdictions and maintain this doctrine of evolution in Masonry. Now, there are certain Brethren who have rather sneered at the disposition of the Grand Lodge in Massachusetts, in particular, to pay great respect and reverence to their ancestors. Certain Masonic Brethren have intimated that by the exercise of such opinion we were disposed to give too much respect to our ancestors. They have even gone so far as to say, that in the exercise of this feeling we were like the potato, — the best part of us being under ground. Now I think the Right Worshipful Brother, who made the pilgrimage to which I have referred, can successfully combat that opinion, and I think he can give us some ideas in regard to this Masonic history. I give you the health of a Brother, distinguished in the history of Masonic jurisprudence, Right Worshipful TRACY P. CHEEVER.

R.W. Bro. Cheever responded: —

It is well for us, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on this white day in the annals of Massachusetts Masonry, that the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth, arrayed in the historic robes of his honest and well-descended magistracy, his officers in their insignia of authority, and the Fraternity itself, through its representative

Brethren, crowned with the wreaths of a century of honor, should appear in the temple of the Craft, and welcome the Brethren of sister jurisdictions to this festival of joy and gladness. We are entitled, like the hardy race of an elder day, from which sprung the "Collegia Fabrorum," to our Martial Calends, our Nones of December and

"The proud Ides when the squadron rides."

Too thoughtful, indeed, are we of the Masonic deeds of the Fathers, and too reverent of their memories, to repress, in the least degree, the sense of satisfaction which their lives have inspired. For us there shall be a day of honest and pardonable pride in the record which is our lawful inheritance; some swelling emotions of joy and thanksgiving over deeds of honor and sacrifice which we fain would imitate; some exultant throbs of delight in the prosperity and success of this round of years; and then (shall I not say it, Most Worshipful Grand Master?) the muster of all the battalions and the forward march in the campaign of life and duty which lies before us.

It is almost too trite to observe that neither individuals nor associated bodies can long subsist upon the achievements of their predecessors. The family or the association which presumes to flourish upon the exploits of those of its members whose bones repose beneath the sod, must shortly itself become only a memory. It is the mission of the *past* to instruct the *present* how to make the *future*. If we have not learned how to live *to-day* and to build for *to-morrow*, it is certain that all our *yesterdays* have simply "lighted fools the way to dusty death." The uses of the past, which comprehends all achieved life or history, must be to construct and direct all possible life, which *to-day* is but prophecy, though *to-morrow* it shall be history. While, therefore, the noble work of those who laid the foundations of Masonry in Massachusetts may have justly given

immortality to *their* names, *our* bosoms must not be swollen by the pride of that work. If we rightly appreciate the lesson of their deeds, they will not prove anodynes, to lull us into sleep or inanition, nor excessive stimulants, exciting to convulsive retchings of fruitless endeavor, but healthful tonics, to invigorate the faculties and brace the nerves.

Masonry is the true sister of the very genius of the Commonwealth. From the day of the Declaration of the Independence of this Grand Lodge until the present hour there has been no moment when the Fraternity, in the person of its best sons, has not been in active participation with the government of both State and nation, in all the acts of administration, in the maintenance and promotion of all public and social interests, and in the conservation of the principles upon which the institutions of a genuine democracy are founded. I pronounce no names of the dead or of the living, but I recall to your memories the long line of Brethren in all the ranks and orders of life, as you see them marching in grand array down the vista of a hundred years, to whom the State has been proud to entrust her varied commissions of honor and service; whose lives have been at once an illustration and an illumination of her learned professions; whose genius has added to her stores of art, poetry and romance; whose research has enlarged the bounds of her science, and whose wisdom and practical sagacity have so amplified and dignified the associated life of her people as to make them indeed a Commonwealth. These Brethren have contributed to every department of civil administration the wisdom and the grace of an honest, intelligent and conscientious service, and have marched on every field of honor, with their lives in hand, ready for the last sacrifice of patriotism.

“ With an offering of bright blood,
They have ransomed hearth and tomb.”

The obvious lesson of this history is, that we are, by the utmost force of work and endeavor, to continue so to interweave the web of our Masonic life with the life of the Commonwealth, that they shall grow and stand together, and that thus the State shall become our debtor. Not only the principles, but the moral teachings, and even the symbolism of Masonry, tend, with more or less directness, to the preservation of all that is distinctively best and most valuable in the fabric of our government, and in the administration of all our public and social affairs. No loyalty can surpass the loyalty of Masonry. It is anchored as securely to honest and just government as to the throne of heaven. Wisely, indeed, shall we apply the uses of our history, if the Fraternity shall so live and so conduct its affairs as to secure, at once, the renown and the perpetuity of the ancient Commonwealth, and of the great Institution.

But these historic lessons are of no mere local application or significance. To borrow an illustration from my own profession, we, of this generation, are in possession, by descent, of an estate for life, with remainder over to the generations which must follow us. We shall fail in our duty, if we do not so administer this estate, which is a trust in our hands, that the next entitled, when we have passed away, shall find its ample stores of faith and hope increased, and receive a larger usufruct of its charities. High as our hopes may rise for the hereafter of organized Masonry, whose history we admire, whose philosophy, symbolism and jurisprudence challenge our respect for what they have accomplished and are destined yet to accomplish, we may not trust too implicitly to the realization of such hopes. For the uncertain future we cannot now forecast what new symbolism may supersede the old; what mysteries and methods of organization may replace the best we have known. But the grand assurance still remains (and here

I would deduce the highest lesson of our history) that the fundamental principle of Masonry must survive all the wrecks of time, all its enmities and malevolence, yea, even all the treacheries and perjuries of pretended devotees and false Brethren; and therefore *we* are to contribute, each according to the best spirit which is in him, and every man in his order, to that consummation which is the aspiration of the Christian, and the dream of the poet, under which the races of mankind shall, at last, come into the fullest accord with themselves as Brothers and with the Supreme Father. The *Fatherhood* and the *Brotherhood*! — germs leaping into life under the earliest social manifestations, evolved from all the ages of the past, independent of mere organization, rite or ceremony, the fittest to survive the changes and the chances of time, through the efforts of all good Masons, — must comprehend, at length, within their ample folds of Love, the whole family of Man.

This is the consummation; and all honest work shall lead us on to that supernal day when there shall be seen no Temple built by mortal hands; no jewels of earthly lustre, but the sublime fruition of all our Faith, Hope and Charity!

THE TOAST-MASTER. — The remarks of my Right Worshipful Bro. Cheever only impress me with the idea that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Fraternity generally, are deeply indebted to the profession of the bar. There is still another profession, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to which the Grand Lodge in particular, and the Fraternity of the world, are especially indebted, as our Right Worshipful Senior Past Grand Master has called to our attention, within the last few years, in the records of the Grand Lodge. I allude to the Church; always in this country a most efficient and safe ally of Masonry, and to which the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world has always

been content to be as second. I give you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the sacred profession, and with it the health of our Grand Chaplain, Worshipful Brother Young.

W. Bro. Young responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN, — I rise to my feet because my name has been called ; but I will bring relief at once to your minds by saying that I shall occupy your attention for a very few moments only. For the past three or four weeks I have been, in a remarkable degree, engaged in those melancholy duties which ministers of the Gospel are called upon to perform, — I mean in the administration of comfort to the bereaved, and in burying the dead ; and to-day there is lying in the home of one of my parishioners a calm, cold face, a body waiting to be buried, which would have been given to the grave to-day, had I not asked the consent of the family to allow me to be here with you on this occasion, and to perform the sad offices on the morrow. My mind has been so occupied with personal and professional duties that I have hardly had time to think — certainly no time to meditate — such thoughts as are worthy of this occasion ; for it would seem to be the part for me to act, upon this occasion, to recall the memories of those men who have occupied the place which, by the courtesy of the Grand Lodge, I occupy to-day.

But I cannot speak of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, because I have not made myself acquainted with their characters and their history ; and when I remember how only two years ago, I think, our most excellent and estimable R.W. Bro. Heard brought before us their virtues and their worth, in those carefully and faithfully prepared biographical sketches, I feel that if any one should be called upon to

speak for the clergy, or more especially for the ministers who have supplied the Grand Chaplaincy of this Grand Lodge, Bro. Heard is the one who should rise to his feet.

I think I may say, so far as my knowledge goes, that among the men who have been accustomed to conduct the devotions of the Grand Lodge; who have kneeled, from time to time, at the sacred altar and tried, on the arms of their petitions, to lift the Brothers' hearts and the great interests of our Fraternity to that Heavenly Source whence all blessings flow, not one has brought shame to his profession, hurt to the Institution, or reproach to his own character. So far as I know, they have been pure and worthy men, deserving the confidence and respect that have been given to them.

I said I should occupy but a single moment; but I did pen, in the way of a sentiment, in my note-book, what I ask permission to read as the best thing I have to say upon this occasion. For, if there be one thing more than another, that has arrested my attention, in thinking of the history of Masonry in the choice of its Chaplains, it has been the free and catholic spirit of the Institution; taking its chaplains not exclusively from any one, but from all the several Christian denominations; showing, I trust, that, in the selection of the men who are to guide you in the devotions of the Grand Lodge, you think more of the spirit that dwells within them than of the titles they take. So I give you: —

The Grand Chaplaincy of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: Filled by men selected from the several Christian sects, without respect to points of doctrine, or church politics, but with sole reference to their moral and social qualities, it is a permanent illustration of the catholic, free and reverent spirit of the Institution. It declares that Free and Accepted Masonry has always affirmed and defended the

essential principle of religious toleration; that it has always avowed and asserted the sanctity of the individual conscience and the right of private judgment in all matters of human thought and conviction, and, thus, led the growing sentiment of the world, that the spirit a man is of is of more consequence than the name he goes by; that in Free and Accepted Masonry there is neither Greek nor Jew, but equal children of one impartial Father, as it is written in His word that God hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell together on all the face of the earth.

Now, one single thought more: We read in that first of Masonic Lights, the Scriptures, that when King David was about to yield to that decree which calls dust to dust, he summoned his son to his bedside, and, after bestowing upon him the royal and fatherly benediction, his injunction was, "Show thyself a man." "Show thyself a man!" And the boy who received that injunction was Solomon, the founder, as we sometimes claim, of the Institution of Masonry, at the building of the Grand Temple which took his name, where the principles and precepts of our Institution were especially set forth.

Let that be the injunction, Brethren, to each and every one of us: Show thyself a MAN! Thank God—as I do from my heart of hearts—thank God, that on this earth there is one Institution that is not sectarian, is not partisan; that thinks not of nationality, that thinks not of color, cares neither for differences of tongue nor distinctions of caste, but looks beyond!—under the clothes, under the *skin*, at *the* MAN, and in this respect practises and shows forth the spirit of Him who looks not upon the outward appearance, but who reads the heart.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — Most Worshipful Grand Master, I announced in the opening that I proposed to violate all the

rules of Masonic precedence, so far as we knew them here in Massachusetts. I propose now, for a time at least, to come back again to those ancient and established rules; and I give you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the health of one of the Past Grand Masters of Massachusetts, from whom we are always delighted to hear — Right Worshipful Bro. William Parkman.

W. BRO. WILLIAM PARKMAN, JR. — I have no doubt Bro. Parkman would be glad to respond, but he was unable to remain.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Orator this afternoon called our attention to the services of St. Andrew's Lodge to the Fraternity in this Commonwealth. They were very great and important, and should be especially remembered on this occasion. I propose to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the continued success and prosperity of St. Andrew's Lodge, and with it I give you the health of the historian of the Lodge, Worshipful Bro. Hamilton Willis.

Response of Worshipful Brother Hamilton Willis, of St. Andrew's Lodge: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, — I did feel that, at a Centennial of Massachusetts Grand Lodge, these proceedings would not pass without mention of the Lodge of St. Andrew, but had no notice or expectation that any of us would be called up. In the absence, then, of our Right Worshipful William Parkman, who has been toasted, and the unavoidable absence of the Master, Dr. Derby, and Wardens, I feel bound to respond, at the mention of my name, for the Lodge of St. Andrew.

Sir, a number of interesting epochs have occurred in the history of this Lodge, which has lasted now a century and a quarter; and the most felicitous of them all, I am disposed to believe — saving perhaps that service in the origin of Massachusetts Grand Lodge celebrated by us all at a Centennial in 1869 — is that epoch in 1809, when the ancient Lodge of St. Andrew came under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful, the present Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth.

Our predecessors, associated in 1752, were chartered in 1756, obtained from Scotland Grand Lodge powers for our then Master, Joseph Warren, in 1769, and on the 8th of March, 1777, assisted largely in setting up the independence of the present Grand Lodge, as you have determined. We all acquiesce in this; for similar grounds and the same date for Masonic independence were taken nearly a quarter of a century ago at the Centennial Celebration of St. Andrew's Lodge. But this is a moment for historical reminiscence and to do justice all around. Conjure, then, to this scene to-night the men whose names are here emblazoned in honor, members of "St. Andrew's" in 1777, and they will tell you that the Body which they in part represented one hundred years ago did not mean to enter precisely into the course which has come to this result, namely, an independent Grand Lodge. Such a step was in the hearts of some of them, — they had worked for independence since 1769, — but not of the majority. Without her consent the declaration could not have been carried. Yet such auspicious consummation is reconcilable with the claim of R.W. Brother Gardner and others, indeed of what we all claim, that the act of that meeting was an act of independence; they builded wiser than they knew. Five years later a declaration of the grounds of independence was made, with the name of Massachusetts Grand Lodge first assumed, and St. Andrew's Lodge, though reinforced by one

hundred and eighteen new members during the Revolutionary war, were of the same opinion still; the Lodge desired the approbation of Scotland, and withdrew to isolation from American affiliation. She held solitary by her Scotch Charter; that parchment but for the existence of which — you will pardon the speech — we should not be here to-night.

Most Worshipful Sir, there are noted eras in Massachusetts Freemasonry. I hope they will continue to be celebrated. It is a peculiar felicity of this Order that it has so many. They give opportunities to brighten the bands, to illustrate its history; ay, to glorify its memories.

I must linger a moment longer on my Lodge's conduct in the Revolutionary period. I am old enough, sir, to remember Brethren of "St. Andrew's" who were living links between the present and Brethren of that time. I have sat in Lodge with the venerable Colonel Henry Purkitt, who witnessed the destruction of the tea in 1773. That heroic band kept the secret of its members for fear of reclamations upon them personally. Those Masons, with fresh traditions and memory, impressed on me the anxiety which the majority of "St. Andrew's" at the period we are celebrating suffered for their Masonry. They had convictions of its universality; they recognized no nationality in the Brotherhood, although their Lodge meetings alternated at the Green Dragon with patriotic caucuses. To them their paramount object in Masonry, before all national, State rights or political adjustments, was to see no harm to it, to maintain in pure source and current those principles which R.W. Brother Cheever has so beautifully symbolized to us. The struggle for Masonic independence by a minority of St. Andrew's Lodge was older than 1777. The Charter of the Lodge from 1768 to its recognition by your predecessor in 1809 had to be guarded from the zealous patriotic ardor of the minor-

ity led by Revere, who sought to blot it out in order to anticipate the independence we now commemorate. It is recorded that our Charter was kept under the guns of the fort in Boston Harbor by Burbeck, the king's officer, afterwards a patriot and most generous Mason. The demand was early made to change the name of St. Andrew's to Rising States. Bitter was the contest. Again and again on this and kindred questions the members divided, — ayes to the right, noes to the left of the hall, — between 1768 and 1785, when a Rising States Lodge was formed by the minority, who departed with a share of the Lodge's fund. The "ancient and modern" contest turned to ashes in the red-hot furnace of liberty. The humorsome treatment of the issue by the Portland Lodge, told by R.W. Brother Drummond, happily hits off its absurdity, — like the tale of Zadig, who rebuked the left-foot party and the right-foot party by jumping both feet together into the Temple. Sir, the eloquent and erudite analysis by your orator of the inauguration of Masonic independence in America must meet sure commendation; for myself, I hoped to hear Brother Woodbury go a step further in explanation of the seemingly capricious course of St. Andrew's Lodge. It would have been grateful to hear him say that the landmarks, parts and points of Freemasonry projected for the first time in the world into the intense blaze of a popular arena prompted conservatism, and accounts for decisions which, with the light we now have, would have been decided otherwise — that those steadfast Brethren acted in the spirit of Masonry as they saw it, and in no other spirit; and, too, that they contended for principles older than the principles of the colonial Declaration of Independence. The Right Worshipful Brother stopped on the threshold; he left the old Lodge solitary, outside, in 1783. I am glad to recall that they were comfortable with basket and store in their own tavern. The "no commun-

ion" with Lodges holding under foreign Charters gradually yielded to social ties, to good cheer and good sense. That dreary quarter century melted away with warm welcomes, in a unanimous sentiment, heartily shared by "St. Andrew's," to mingle under one, under your banner, the Masonic Fraternity of Massachusetts.

THE TOAST-MASTER. — Most Worshipful Grand Master, I have called upon the distinguished officials of this and other Grand Lodges, and I propose now to call upon the Craft of this Commonwealth. I give you, as a distinguished representative of the Craft in this Commonwealth, the health of Bro. John Dean, of Worcester.

SEVERAL VOICES. — "Not here."

THE TOAST-MASTER. — Bro. Dean appears to have disappeared. I give you the health of our Past Grand Master Coolidge, who is always present, and always ready to respond on these occasions.

R.W. Past Grand Master Coolidge responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN, — I am sure that I should not tax your kindness and patience by any words of mine at this late moment, after listening to such glowing words as we have heard to-night; which, to me, seem like apples of gold in pictures of silver. I cannot trust myself to say another word about the Institution of Masonry, and the union of patriotism and Masonic duty. I can only say that my heart has been filled and raised. I have but one thought in my heart, and that is, that this success, all that gladdens this night, all that we hope for in the future, is the direct gift of the

God of nations and of men. I cannot think of aught else at this hour of the evening. It seems to me as if this was the God-protected Institution of the world.

I have not a word to add to the beautiful language in which it has been laid before you to-night. I would only say, let your hearts respond in gratitude to the Giver of it all, and say we will be true to the gift that Thou hast given us.

“ The shadow of a mighty rock is in this glorious land,
And heavenly dews fall on the flock protected by Thy hand.”

I am sure this will find an echo in every one of your hearts; and, sir, in closing, let us call to mind the vision of Jacob. He set up a stone as a pillar, to commemorate that scene which in his vision he had beheld,—the ladder that reached from earth to heaven. Let us here, to-night, set up this Centennial pillar, and may it be to us the scene it was to Jacob, peopled with angels of faith, hope, charity, temperance and virtue, true goodness, prudence and all good angels. Let it lead our thoughts as we build this pillar to-night. Let it lead them to the great Giver of all our blessings; and in gratitude we will thank him for all his gifts, and implore his protection on our beloved land and our country. In conclusion, sir, I will quote one other poem, which I think you all like. Of our country—God save it! Of our Institution—which, it seems to me, has enjoyed his peculiar care—I will say:—

“ On wings of light hope's fairy form appears,
Smiles on the past and points to happier years;
Points with uplifted and enraptured eye
To the pure dawn that floods the opening sky.”

THE TOAST-MASTER.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, the associations of the evening call my attention particularly to a

distinguished Brother, a representative of this Grand Lodge, whose name is most intimately associated with the Masonic Fraternity. I give you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the health of our Past Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful George Washington Warren.

R.W. Bro. Warren responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN, — I failed to receive the notice which I supposed would come if I was to be called upon at all; and I had congratulated myself that I should be allowed to descend that ladder which I have just ascended with Brother Coolidge, my former chief.

Masonry is not a century plant. It blossoms twice a year at least, and as Brother Willis says, "There are occasions all along its history which date back a hundred years," so that we might, occasionally, sit down to a Centennial feast; and the direction of the speeches this evening has served to call our attention more to the ancient Institution than to the comparatively recent event, the anniversary of which we are celebrating. Compared with the birth of any country, Masonry is as old as the creation. It was the principles of Masonry that carried us through the Revolutionary struggle; and the same principles have served other generations and other countries throughout the world.

It combines the peculiarity of the Masonic tradition and the principle of subordination. Why, sir, we have heard by Masonic tradition that in the Army Lodge Brother George Washington would attend and sit down in the Lodge uncovered, when, perhaps, a non-commissioned officer sat covered as the Master of the Lodge. It was that principle of subordination which kept the hearts of the people, by these high examples,

true to the principle of law and order, even when going through the terrible crisis of the organization of a new government.

And how was it in the old or mother land? Where Masonry existed and where our Brother Masons acknowledged the same tie, they were the first to acknowledge our rights. We were contending not for any new principle in establishing our independence; but we were merely contending, at the outset, for the principles of the English constitution; we were arraying ourselves against the unlawful and unconstitutional claims of the government that was sent over here. And so in Masonry, in the transition of the organizations from the old jurisdictions to the new, it was in that spirit of accommodation to existing facts, worked out by events as they transpired; and when it was all over how gladly were the Masons, who visited their mother-land, received in the Lodges of the mother-country, and how soon the opinion was held, that our Independence was only the temporary separation of the child from the mother.

I give you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, a sentiment embodying the idea of the universal tie of Freemasonry: It secures the loyalty of the Brother to his own country, and opens his heart to the Fraternity all over the world.

THE GRAND MASTER. — Unless some other Brother wishes to address us I will request you to join hands and sing the Doxology, after which I shall declare the Grand Lodge closed.

Thus ended this Centennial Feast, at nine o'clock, P. M., leaving a pleasant memory upon the minds of all those who participated therein.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MARCH 14, A. L. 5877.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of March, A. L. 5877, A. D. 1877.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,	Grand Master.
R. W. CHARLES A. WELCH	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. JOHN McCLELLAN	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. CHARLES H. TITUS	Recording Grand Secretary.
R. W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R. W. HENRY G. FAY	D. D. G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
R. W. EDWARD C. DAMON	D. D. G. Master, Dist. No. 4.
R. W. WILLIAM C. MAXWELL	D. D. G. Master, Dist. No. 5.
R. W. WARREN CURRIER	D. D. G. Master, Dist. No. 6.
R. W. JOHN A. HALL	D. D. G. Master, Dist. No. 10.
R. W. CHARLES W. MOODY	D. D. G. Master, Dist. No. 11.
R. W. FREDERICK D. ELY	D. D. G. Master, Dist. No. 13.
R. W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS	D. D. G. Master, Dist. No. 15.
R. W. HOSEA KINGMAN	D. D. G. Master, Dist. No. 16.
R. W. THEODORE N. FOQUE	D. D. G. Master, Dist. No. 17.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Lecturer.
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Senior Grand Steward.

W. THOMAS W. DAVIS	} Junior Grand Stewards.
W. HENRY STEPHENSON	
W. JAMES SWORDS	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON	} Grand Pursuivants.
W. BAALIS SANFORD, JR.	
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON	" " "
R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	" " "
R.W. ISAAC H. WRIGHT	" " "
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL	" " "
R.W. IVORY H. POPE	" " "
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	" " "
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL	" " "

BRETHREN ON STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

W. JOSEPH B. MASON,	W. JOEL SEAVERNS,
W. SAMUEL D. YOUNG,	BRO. FRANK E. JONES.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, P.M. Prayer was offered by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus, as Grand Chaplain.

The records of the Annual and Stated Communications in December last, were approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The records of the Special Communications of

January 4, 1877, at Stoneham, for the purpose of constituting King Cyrus Lodge, and installing its officers; of January 12, 1877, at Fall River, for the purpose of constituting Narragansett Lodge, and installing its officers; and of March 8, 1877, at the Masonic Temple, Boston, for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Independence of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, were read and approved.

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

DALHOUSIE LODGE, Newtonville, full code.
REPUBLICAN LODGE, Greenfield, amendment.
WINSLOW LEWIS LODGE, Boston, amendment.
ADAMS LODGE, Wellfleet, amendment.
MARINERS LODGE, Cotuit, amendment.
IONIC LODGE, Easthampton, amendment.
HAMPDEN LODGE, Springfield, amendment.
PENTUCKET LODGE, Lowell, amendment.
WILLIAM PARKMAN LODGE, Winchester, amendment.
WILLIAM NORTH LODGE, Lowell, amendments.
HAMMATT LODGE, East Boston, amendment.
JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, U. D., Boston, full code.
HUELEN LODGE, U. D., Santiago, Chili, full code.
BOYLSTON LODGE, U. D., West Boylston, full code.

Proxies were presented from

SAINT PAUL LODGE, Ayer, in favor of W. BRO. E. DANA BANCROFT.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, Shanghai, China, in favor of R.W. BRO. WILLIAM F. SALMON.

PHœNICIAN LODGE, Lawrence, in favor of W. BRO. JOHN HAIGH.

ATHELSTAN LODGE, Worcester, in favor of W. BRO. NATHANIEL G. TUCKER.

CHARLES C. DAME LODGE, Georgetown, in favor of BRO. SAMUEL F. MALBON.

BETHESDA LODGE, Valparaiso, Chili, in favor of BRO. THEOPHILUS G. WADMAN.

MAY FLOWER LODGE, Middleborough, in favor of W. BRO. BENJAMIN F. TRIPP.

QUABOAG LODGE, Warren, in favor of R.W. BRO. JOHN WETHERBEE.

IONIC LODGE, Easthampton, in favor of W. BRO. LAFAYETTE CLAPP.

JOHN T. HEARD LODGE, Ipswich, in favor of W. BRO. ANDREW GEYER.

JAMES OTIS LODGE, Barnstable, in favor of BRO. EBEN S. HINKLEY.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

Petitions for Charters, accompanied by the usual documents, were presented from the following Lodges, and were referred to the Committee on Charters: —

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR HUELEN LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: —

The undersigned, Master Masons of Huelen Lodge, U. D., located at Santiago, Chili, South America, and other Master Masons in good standing, residing in the said city of Santiago, respectfully show that due return has been made of the Dispensation granted by the M.W. Grand Master, bearing date 8th February, A.L. 5876, and of all the proceedings under and by virtue thereof.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge will be pleased to grant them a Charter for their Lodge, to be named and located as aforesaid.

They would respectfully nominate and recommend the same Master and Senior Warden as in the Dispensation ; but for the office of Junior Warden they recommend Bro. William J. Benham, M.D., instead of Bro. James MacGregor (deceased).

Should the prayer of their petition be granted, they promise strict compliance with the constitutions, laws, and edicts of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and the landmarks and usages of the Order.

FREDERICK STOVIN GOLBORNE,

Past Master Bethesda Lodge, Valparaiso.

JAMES MITCHELL,

NATHANIEL EMMONS,

CHARLES EMERY EDWARDS,

GEORGE HUDSON,

JOHN JONES APPLGATH,

WILLIAM T. BENHAM, M.D.,

ARTHUR FIELD,

JAMES SECCOMBE,

Past Master Lodge No. 510, England.

PETER EWING,

MALCOLM JOHNSTONE,

NORMAN FERGUSON,

ROBERT MCINDOE,

REV. GEO. PRING QUICK, M.A.

ANDREW McM. STEVENSON,

JUSTUS LOGAN SAXTON,

ANDREW JACKSON,

JOHN JACOB WILSON.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, January 13, 1877.

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR JOSEPH WEBB LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts : —

We, the undersigned, Master Masons, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation, bearing date March 8, 1876, empowering us to form and open a Lodge, now returning our Dispensation with a record of all our proceedings and a copy of our By-Laws, respectfully pray, if these be approved, for a Charter of Constitution, empowering us, with

those who may hereafter join us, under the name of Joseph Webb Lodge, located in the City of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, to perform all the ceremonies, and discharge all the duties at said Boston, appertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

J. ELLIOT BOND,
N. EDGAR HOLLACE,
THOMAS W. SHAPLEIGH,
WILLIAM TYNER,
J. WALDO DENNY,
GEORGE W. FROST,
OSCAR C. PULLEN,
ALBRO A. OSGOOD,
DANIEL T. BRIGHAM,
HORATIO H. CRAWFORD,
JULIUS A. GREENE,

GEORGE CARBIS,
JAMES L. HOVEY,
COLUMBIA R. BEAL,
WILLIAM H. GLEASON,
EDWARD S. GOULSTON,
SETH PERKINS,
JOSEPH A. PLUMER,
SETH B. CUSHING,
WILLIAM F. WEST,
JOHN A. CAMPBELL,
BENJAMIN MAGOUN.

Boston, March 12, 1877.

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR BOYLSTON LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: —

We, the undersigned, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation bearing date of March 8, A.L. 5876, and other Master Masons, now beg leave to return the same, with a copy of our By-Laws, and a record of all our proceedings; and respectfully pray, if these be approved, that a Charter be granted, and that we be constituted a regular Lodge, under the name of Boylston Lodge, of West Boylston, in the County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with full powers to perform all the ceremonies, and discharge all the duties, appertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry, in accord-

ance with the Constitutions, Laws, and Edicts of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

GEORGE MONTEATH LOURIE,
AARON GOODALE,
ALFRED WHITING,
JOHN OWEN FLAGG,
HENRY FRANCIS HARRIS,
WARREN PIERCE,
WILLIAM HOYT BOMER,
ELIAS BURBANK BERRY,
THOMAS EDWARD SARGENT,
FRANCIS NATHAN LUCE,
WALTERS WETHERBY WARNER,
WINSOR THURBER BUTLER,
JOHN CALVIN HASTINGS,
ARTEMAS CARPENTER SMITH,
HARRISON EMMONS MORTON,
CHARLES MORRIS HARRIS, JR.,
CHARLES HENRY BALDWIN, JR.

WALTER BARRETT SAWYER,
GEORGE OLIVER BASSETT,
ALBERT BIGELOW PIERCE,
JAMES EDWARD PIERCE,
GEORGE ABIAH FLAGG,
GEORGE ADDISON HOWE,
AUSTIN HENRY WARFIELD,
LYMAN EZRA HASTINGS,
JOHN WILLIAM NAYLOR,
WARREN EVARTS GAMMELL,
BRADFORD TENNEY SCOTT,
HENRY PIERCE,
CHARLES GOODALE,
IRA HARRISON STOCKWELL,
CHARLES J. WILDER,
THURSTON BUCK.

WEST BOYLSTON, March 12, 1877.

A petition was presented from members of Pilgrim Lodge, located by the Charter at South Harwich, asking that the Charter be amended by striking out the word "South" before Harwich, so that the Lodge may meet in any other part of the town of Harwich, should its members so determine. The petition was referred to the Committee on Charters.

Papers relating to the so-called Grand Lodge of

Colon, for Cuba and the adjacent islands, and a petition asking for official recognition as such, were presented by the Grand Secretary, and were referred to R.W. Brothers Charles A. Welch, Charles Levi Woodbury and Sereno D. Nickerson.

The roll of the Lodges was called and the following were found to be represented:—

ABERDOUR.	IONIC (Easthampton).	PALESTINE.
ALPHA.	ISAAC PARKER,	PAUL DEAN.
AMICABLE.	JAMES OTIS,	PENTUCKET.
AMITY.	JOHN ABBOT.	PILGRIM.
ARTISAN.	JOHN CUTLER.	PUTNAM.
ATHOL.	JOHN T. HEARD.	QUABOAG.
BETHESDA	JORDAN.	QUINEBAUG.
(Brighton).	JOSEPH WARREN.	REVERE.
BETH-HORON.	KING SOLOMON.	RISING STAR.
BRISTOL.	KONOHASSETT.	ROBERT LASH.
CALEB BUTLER.	LAFAYETTE	SAINT BERNARD.
CHARLES C. DAME.	(Boston Highlands).	SAINT JOHN'S
CORINTHIAN.	MASSACHUSETTS.	(Boston).
DAY SPRING.	MAY FLOWER.	SAINT MARK'S.
DELTA.	MERIDIAN.	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).
ESSEX.	MIZPAH.	SAINT PAUL'S
EUREKA.	MONITOR.	(South Boston).
EXCELSIOR.	MONTACUTE.	SILOAM.
EZEKIEL BATES.	MONTGOMERY.	SIMON W. ROBINSON.
FELLOWSHIP.	MOAIC.	STAR IN THE EAST.
FRATERNAL.	MOUNT HERMON.	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.
FRATERNITY.	MOUNT HOPE.	STARR KING.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE.	MOUNT LEBANON.	TRINITY.
GERMANIA.	NARRAGANSETT.	UNION (Dorchester).
HAMPDEN.	NORTH STAR.	WASHINGTON.
HENRY PRICE.	ORIENT.	WILLIAM SUTTON.
HYDE PARK.	ORPHAN'S HOPE.	WINSLOW LEWIS.

The Grand Secretary presented a letter received

from the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, and by order of the Grand Master the same was read to the Grand Lodge. On motion it was *Voted*, That the letter be placed upon the records of this day's proceedings.

LETTER FROM THE GRAND MASTER OF VIRGINIA.

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA, Feb. 24, 1877.

To the R. W. CHARLES H. TITUS, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts : —

R.W. SIR AND BROTHER, — Permit me, through you, to thank the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the well-deserved tribute paid by it to the memory of our late Grand Secretary, R.W. John Dove.

He was a good and pure man, a Christian gentleman, and a Mason without reproach. These qualities had endeared him to his Brethren, and his loss is sorrowfully deplored.

The respect you have shown for our deceased Brother will be most gratifying to the Virginia Fraternity. And on their behalf I again thank our sister Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for its action in honor of our departed Brother.

Most truly yours,

RICHARD PARKER,

Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

The Grand Master read the following letter from J. Collins Warren, M.D., and, on motion of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, it was *Voted*, That the Grand Lodge gratefully accepts the ancient ballot-boxes thus presented by Dr. Warren, and

that the Grand Master be requested to suitably acknowledge the reception of the gift, and communicate the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the same.

LETTER FROM DR. J. C. WARREN PRESENTING OLD BALLOT-BOXES.

58 BEACON STREET, March 8, 1877.

PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Esq., *Grand Master of Masons* : —

DEAR SIR, — I beg leave to present through you to the “Grand Lodge of Freemasons” two ballot-boxes which were found in an old chest, formerly the property of General Joseph Warren. They were, undoubtedly, used either by him or John Warren, both of whom were, I understand, Grand Masters. The chest from which these were taken was formerly part of the furniture of the “Warren House,” Roxbury, and has, since its removal from that place, been in the possession of my family to the present day. I can think of no more appropriate place to deposit them than in your Lodge. They are at present on exhibition at the “Old South” collection; where, if agreeable to you, I should be glad to leave them a short time longer. I enclose the receipt which will enable you to obtain them at any time.

Very respectfully yours,

J. COLLINS WARREN.

In accordance with the foregoing vote the following communication has been forwarded to Dr. Warren: —

LETTER FROM THE GRAND MASTER TO DR. J. C. WARREN.

March 20, 1877.

DR. J. COLLINS WARREN, *Boston* : —

DEAR SIR, — At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held on the 8th inst., I announced,

informally, your gift of the two ballot-boxes recently found by you in a chest, which was once the property of Gen. Joseph Warren. At the Quarterly Communication of the same Body, held on the 14th inst., your letter of the 8th was formally submitted; and it was unanimously *Voted*, That the gift be accepted, and that the Grand Master be requested to communicate to the donor the sentiments of profound gratitude with which these valuable relics are received.

Probably the memory of no revolutionary patriot is cherished with more tenderness and affection than that immortal member of your family. Those sentiments the Masonic Fraternity share with their fellow-citizens; while to them is added the grateful remembrance of important Masonic services rendered in the midst of arduous civil duties. At this Centennial period his praise is in all our mouths; as he was the first Grand Master of that Grand Lodge which only two years after his death declared its independence, and a few years later became a component part of the Body which I have now the honor to represent. On the occasion of the Centennial Festival I had the honor to wear the apron which had many times adorned his sacred person. I beg to assure you that we receive these newly-found relics with the deepest gratitude; and shall carefully preserve them when they shall be remitted to our keeping.

With the assurance of the great pleasure I personally experience in receiving your communication and transmitting this reply,

I remain your obedient servant,

PERCIVAL L. EVERETT,

Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

R.W. Charles A. Welch, Deputy Grand Master,
presented to the Grand Lodge the portrait of

Past Grand Master Timothy Bigelow, with the following remarks in reference to this distinguished Brother:—

REMARKS OF R.W. BRO. CHARLES A. WELCH ON THE
PRESENTATION OF THE PORTRAIT OF HON. TIMOTHY
BIGELOW.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:—

I believe that the Grand Lodge once possessed portraits of all its Grand Masters, with the exception of the Hon. Timothy Bigelow and one other. Since the fire, which destroyed the building then occupied by us, there are many others wanting. As Timothy Bigelow was a very eminent member of the legal profession, I expressed a desire that we should possess his portrait; and when it was suggested to me a month or two since that there was a miniature of him in existence, and that it might be practicable to have a full-size portrait painted from it, I availed myself of the opportunity of procuring a picture worthy to hang in this hall, with those of his predecessors and successors. The lady who possessed the miniature, one of his grand-daughters, kindly loaned it to me; and on my showing it to an artist, in whose ability and good taste I had confidence, he told me that an excellent portrait could be painted from it. This has been done by him at my request, and the portrait is not only far superior to the miniature as a work of art, but it has been pronounced, by two of Brother Bigelow's sons, a very excellent likeness. It has pleased the members of the family so much that one of them has had another portrait painted from it. I have ascertained that our R.W. Brother was about thirty-three years old when the miniature was painted, for it was taken in 1800, or near that date, five years or so before he first became our Grand Master.

He was born April 30, 1767, in Worcester, Mass., and was the son of Col. Timothy Bigelow, who served as major under Arnold, in the attack on Quebec, and was taken prisoner there; and, having been exchanged, subsequently served as colonel of the 15th Mass. Reg. of the Continental Army throughout the Revolutionary war.

The son, our Grand Master, was graduated at Harvard College in 1786, admitted to the bar in 1789, and commenced practice in Groton. A friend described him in 1790, only one year after his admission, as having a remarkably tenacious memory, great acquirements, indefatigable studiousness, and an astonishing fluency.

While at Groton, in July, 1797, he was initiated and passed, and, on the 18th day of August succeeding, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in St. Paul Lodge, and subsequently became a member of that Lodge. This Lodge, as I learn from a distinguished Brother Mason, numbers among its past members four Brethren who have been Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge. In December, 1797, he was elected and installed its Secretary; in December, 1798, its Junior Warden; in December, 1799, its Senior Warden, and in December, 1801, its Master. In 1806 he removed to Medford, and while resident there had an office in Boston; and, from his extensive practice, his great powers as an advocate, his occasional literary productions, some of which were delivered before Masonic Bodies, and the political influence he enjoyed, may be fairly considered one of the most eminent men of his day. The esteem in which he was held by the Fraternity is shown by the offices he held in this Grand Lodge: that of Junior Grand Warden in 1802; Senior Grand Warden in 1803 and 1804, and Grand Master for two triennial terms from 1805 to 1807, inclusive, and from 1810 to 1812. During these same years, or

a portion of them, he was Speaker of the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth, having been elected eleven times, and eight of them consecutively.

His political and Masonic duties did not interfere with his profession and practice, for he is said to have tried more cases than any lawyer in Massachusetts, before or since, and yet he died at the comparatively early age of fifty-four. He practised not only in this State, but largely in Hillsborough County, N. H. ; and a lawyer of that State writes, that he was ranked among the leaders of the bar there, when the New Hampshire people believed that they had a bar of which even a nation might be proud.

I have taken many of these details from a sketch of his life and character, prefixed to an interesting journal kept by him of a trip to Niagara Falls and Canada in the year 1805, which has been lately printed for private circulation by his grandson, and a copy of which has been presented to our Library. I have compared this notice with other notices of him published in different biographical and historical works, and found it correct.

The writer had excellent opportunities of obtaining a knowledge of his grandfather's appearance and social characteristics from those who knew him familiarly ; and as such information is always interesting, I cannot do better than conclude these remarks with an observation or two on these points, taken mostly from this sketch.

In person he was tall and slender, but well-proportioned. He had a dark complexion, black hair, and large, penetrating gray eyes. He was a man of dignified appearance, of erect and graceful carriage, and of very courteous manners. His clarion voice and distinct enunciation were very remarkable. A retentive memory, varied information and great conversa-

tional powers, joined to a vein of sparkling humor, eminently fitted him for social intercourse. There are those still living who may be able to repeat his brilliant sayings and admirable repartees; but their reminiscences are all that now remain of that wit which once shone at the bar, in the halls of legislation, and at the festive board.

To his Masonic Brethren I present this picture, that we may preserve the lineaments at least of one of the most distinguished of our Grand Masters; and at the same time his grandson, Abbot Lawrence, desires me to offer, for your acceptance, a Masonic medal owned by Timothy Bigelow, and which has his name inscribed upon it, with the date of 1799, and the words, "Massachusetts Mark Lodge, Boston."

On motion of Past Grand Master John T. Heard, seconded by R.W. Isaac H. Wright, it was *Voted*, unanimously, that the portrait be accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge be returned to R.W. Brother Welch.

R.W. Brother Nickerson, as Chairman of the Library Committee, announced the presentation to the Grand Lodge Library of the valuable "History of the Bunker Hill Monument Association," by the author, Hon. George Washington Warren, Past Deputy Grand Master. On motion it was *Voted*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to R.W. Brother Warren, and the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate the same to him.

R.W. Bro. Nickerson also, in behalf of R.W. Brother William W. Baker, presented to the Grand Lodge the Masonic apron once owned and worn by R.W. Brother Thomas Dennie, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge in 1797. It was *Voted* that the same be accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge be returned to R.W. Bro. Baker.

On motion of the Grand Treasurer, five hundred dollars were appropriated for charitable purposes, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity.

The Committee on By-Laws submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, March 14, 1877.

The Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the full code of

DALHOUSIE LODGE, Newtonville,

and the amendments submitted by

WINSLOW LEWIS LODGE, Boston,
ADAMS LODGE, Wellfleet,
MARINERS LODGE, Cotuit,
IONIC LODGE, Easthampton,
HAMPDEN LODGE, Springfield,
WILLIAM PARKMAN LODGE, Winchester,
WILLIAM NORTH LODGE, Lowell,
HAMMATT LODGE, East Boston,

and recommend their approval.

In the full codes of

JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, Boston,
BOYLSTON LODGE, West Boylston,
HUELEN LODGE, Santiago, Chili,

and the amendments submitted by

REPUBLICAN LODGE, Greenfield,
PENTUCKET LODGE, Lowell,

the committee have made such changes as were necessary to bring them into conformity with the Grand Constitutions. With these changes, and a description of the seal having been included in the codes of Joseph Webb, Huelen and Boylston Lodges, their approval is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. W. DAVIS,
For the Committee.

The Committee on Charters presented the following reports: —

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS. — HUELEN LODGE.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, March 14, 1877.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Huelen Lodge, located at Santiago, Chili, S. A., for a Charter, would respectfully report: —

That this new Lodge has been working the past year under a Dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Eight Regular and fifteen Special Communications have been held, in which they have initiated seven, crafted six, and raised

five candidates, requiring in each case a strict examination in regard to proficiency in the preceding degree.

Great interest is manifested by the petitioners, as shown by their constant attendance at all the meetings; and perfect harmony prevails between this new Lodge and the other Lodges of the District.

The sum of \$102.89 has been collected during the year, by passing what they designate as the "poor box," at each meeting of the Lodge, — an example which your committee deem worthy of imitation by the Lodges nearer the Grand East.

Correct returns having been made of the doings of the Lodge while under Dispensation, and all fees having been paid to the Grand Treasurer, we recommend that a Charter be issued to Huelen Lodge, as prayed for.

Fraternally submitted,

IVORY H. POPE,

WILLIAM R. WILSON,

SAMUEL D. YOUNG,

Committee.

JOSEPH WEBB AND BOYLSTON LODGES.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, March 14, 1877.

The Committee on Charters respectfully report that they have carefully examined the records, returns, and accompanying documents presented by Boylston Lodge, of West Boylston, and Joseph Webb Lodge, of Boston, working the past year under Dispensation, and find them correct, and in accordance with the Grand Constitutions and Masonic usage.

All dues having been paid to the Grand Lodge, and fully believing that these new Lodges will add bright links to the chain of Universal Brotherhood, your committee would recom-

mend that Charters be issued to Boylston and Joseph Webb Lodges, as prayed for.

Fraternally submitted,

IVORY H. POPE,

WILLIAM R. WILSON,

SAMUEL D. YOUNG,

Committee.

The reports were accepted, and the recommendations adopted; whereby Charters were granted to Huelen Lodge, at Santiago, Chili, South America; Joseph Webb Lodge, at Boston; and Boylston Lodge, at West Boylston.

The committees that were not prepared to report were granted further time.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM at twenty-five minutes past three o'clock, P.M. Prayer was offered by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

AT BOSTON.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, A. L. 5877.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Friday, the twenty-third day of March, A. L. 5877, A. D. 1877, for the purpose of constituting Joseph Webb Lodge and installing its officers.

PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER . . .	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL . . .	" " "
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	{ Recording Grand Secretary and Acting Grand Chaplain.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN . . .	Grand Lecturer.
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON . . .	as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . .	Senior Grand Steward.

BRO. JAMES M. GLÉASON . . . as Junior Grand Steward.

BRO. JOHN B. RHODES . . . as Grand Organist.

BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE . . . Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the small hall, at eight o'clock, P. M., in AMPLE FORM, and was conducted by the Grand Marshal to the Grand Lodge hall, where the Brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge were assembled. There were also present many of the Masters, Wardens and members of the Lodges in Boston and vicinity, to the number of about one hundred and seventy-five.

The officers of the Grand Lodge having assumed their several stations, prayer was offered by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

The twenty-two Brethren named in the Charter were constituted into a regular Lodge, in AMPLE FORM, under the title and designation of JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, in accordance with the ancient usage of the Craft and the ritual of this Grand Lodge, and proclamation thereof was duly made.

The Brother designated as Master—a Past Master of Adelphi Lodge—was installed by the Grand Master; the Wardens were severally installed by the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and the remaining officers by the Deputy Grand Master. The following officers constitute the organization of this new Lodge :—

W. BRO. J. ELLIOT BOND	Master.
BRO. N. EDGAR HOLLACE	Senior Warden.
BRO. THOMAS W. SHAPLEIGH	Junior Warden.
BRO. WILLIAM TYNER	Treasurer.
BRO. J. WALDO DENNY	Secretary.
BRO. WILLIAM HENRY LEE	Chaplain.
BRO. E. MARTIN SPRINGER	Marshal.
BRO. DANIEL T. BRIGHAM	Senior Deacon.
BRO. HORATIO H. CRAWFORD	Junior Deacon.
BRO. JULIUS A. GREENE	Senior Steward.
BRO. ANTHONY W. STROUS	Junior Steward.
BRO. JAMES L. SWAIN	Inside Sentinel.
BRO. JAMES L. HOVEY	Organist.
BRO. HENRY ORR	Tyler.

The Grand Master briefly addressed the members of the new Lodge, and introduced R.W. Past Deputy Grand Master Charles Levi Woodbury, who presented the following address:—

ADDRESS OF R.W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and you Brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge:—

Your new Lodge is named after Joseph Webb, who, a century before the date of your Charter, was elected and installed Grand Master of the Old York Masons of Massachusetts. Upon you the Grand Lodge has devolved the trust of bearing his honored name, and of squaring your Masonic life by the rule of his sturdy virtues. I have so lately delivered an oration on the Centennial of this Grand Lodge that I ought to be brief in my remarks on him whose name you bear. He was the first Grand Master elected and installed in this country. His election was the sign and symbol that the revolutionary struggle which made these colonies free from British rule had trans-

mitted its energy to the York Masons, and they also had determined to govern themselves in this independent State, and spread their rite under their own sovereign authority, in conformity with the ancient landmarks, but without subordination to any foreign Grand Lodge.

In this commonwealth Masonry was organized first under the authority of the Grand Lodge at London (subsequently known as "Moderns") by virtue of a charter to Henry Price, in 1733, creating him a Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Lodge he organized was called the St. John's Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, afterwards, in 1769, issued a Charter to Joseph Warren, creating him their Provincial Grand Master, by authority of which he convened a Provincial Grand Lodge of the Masons, who, like those of Scotland, practised the Old York or "Ancient" form of Masonry. He died on the blood-stained heights of Bunker Hill, a martyr in the cause of liberty. Behold his portrait on your Grand Master's left! His Deputy Grand Master was Joseph Webb. There were four Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Provincial Grand Lodge. Webb was a patriot; for part of his life he was an auctioneer; he also was a soldier; Lieut.-Colonel appears to have been the rank he reached eventually; and occasionally he was absent from Masonic duties, as the record says, "on public business."

The patriots assembled to drive the British army from Boston. The leader of their army was General George Washington, whose portrait hangs here on my right.

Many of the Masons of Boston were with him. John Rowe, who was Provincial Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge, himself also a zealous patriot, granted a Charter to the Masons of the Connecticut line to hold an army Lodge, "American Union," at Roxbury, in the besieging army, and our Brethren, though shut

out from their own Lodges, enjoyed Masonic privileges with the Connecticut line until the Evacuation of Boston (March 17) enabled them to return in triumph to their free homes.

The war so dispersed the Brethren that regular Lodge meetings were rare. The opinions of the surviving officers of General Warren's Grand Lodge were that the Deputy Grand Master had not power under General Warren's commission to grant Charters to new Lodges. This fact did not balk them. They lived in a free State, Scotland was at war with them, and by Masonic law they had a right to a Masonic independence. They resolved to exercise this right with its obligations; and they did.

On March 8, 1777, the old Grand Lodge came together, Joseph Webb at their head, and formally elected him Grand Master, and installed him and other officers, and set up for themselves free, sovereign and independent—the first self-created Grand Lodge on the continent; the leader of the immortal band of Grand Lodges which now represent all the legitimate Masonry in the Union.

The courage and the sturdy virtues which a hundred years ago gave us freedom in political and Masonic government will be constantly before you as the model of a lofty Masonic character.

Colonel Webb was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge. He died in 1787, I think it was; he left a widow, a will, and a good estate. I find his name as a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. You will find more of him in the Centennial proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Yet more facts about his private life could with a little research be gathered and preserved. This labor will be particularly your duty, members of Joseph Webb Lodge, and long ere the

centennial anniversary of his death I have no doubt you will have thoroughly performed this pious undertaking.

W. Master and members of Joseph Webb Lodge, you are entering on a new career. It rests on you whether your Lodge will be a success or a failure. The ancient charges given you have for centuries proved sufficient to preserve the weal of Lodges and the prosperity of the Craft when they are rightly understood and fairly lived up to.

Masonry is a social Institution, and its basis is the good sense, honesty, and truth of its Craftsmen. The virtues we cherish are plain and homespun, those which the experience of life shows are the safeguard of the practical middle interests of society. We neither seek the very rich nor the very poor, neither the erratic scintillations of genius nor the unimpressible apathy of ignorance.

“The rank is but the guinea's stamp.
The man is the gold for a' that.”

The Masons, as a class, represent, more than any other I know of, the practical common-sense of the whole community in its most liberal aspect, solid men of judgment, selected from every interest in society for the good of society. She seeks no political distinction, nor does she ostracise any one for his politics. We welcome good men of all parties, and think the more they meet here on the level the better they all will be for it. We welcome varieties in creeds as we do in politics; an equal consideration for all good men. Every Mason has his own politics, his own creed; that is his private right. To our Fraternity the solid character is the test of the man,—his equity, his prudence, his energy, his social worth. Has he, in the common sense of the word, a good character; does he possess the solid virtues of life? And in this his

social and benevolent qualities are included. These are the vital questions that should occupy you in selecting candidates for admission. The candidate's proofs should be made in his life *before* you admit him to your mysteries. It is too late after he is in. Masonry does improve good men, but the foundation must exist before. She has no divine privilege to regenerate a captious spirit, to change a fool into a man of sense, or a rogue into an honest man. She needs good material to begin on, and of such a man she will make a better man day by day as long as he lives.

This is what we claim for her. He may be a rough ashlar when he enters, but if the structure, the character, is all right, Masonry will hew him into a perfect ashlar soon. You cannot make a square man out of stone cracked, rotten, or full of shakes. My experience, every man's experience, is that Masonry improves the tone of his character, takes the rough edges off his prejudices in a marked degree, and makes him a worthier neighbor, a better member of a family, more reverential in his piety, and more disinterested in his patriotism. To the social system Masonry is a balance-wheel, steadying and restraining the excesses and vagaries of the motor power, the human will, but neither having relation to the construction and working parts of the political machine, nor capacity to assume any relation thereto. That it has this value in society is due, first, to the social and sturdy virtues it builds upon ; next, to that liberality that exacts no sacrifice of private opinions on politics or theology, and demands only respect for the laws of the country, and common reverence to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge, your future reputation is in your own control. Look well to the character of those you select for initiation.

At the conclusion of R.W. Bro. Woodbury's address, the Grand Lodge retired to the place of opening, and was closed in AMPLE FORM at ten minutes before ten o'clock, P. M.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

Proceedings - Masonic Lodge - 1877

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

OF THE

Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity

OF

Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

IN UNION WITH THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE GRAND
LODGES IN EUROPE AND AMERICA, ACCORDING TO
THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS.



QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

June 13, 1877.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, GRAND MASTER.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS, GRAND SECRETARY.

Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

BOSTON:

PRESS OF ROCKWELL & CHURCHILL, 39 ARCH ST.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

June 12, 1877.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, GRAND MASTER.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS, GRAND SECRETARY.

Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

BOSTON:
PRESS OF ROCKWELL & CHURCHILL, 39 ARCH ST.
1877.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:
PERCIVAL L. EVERETT,
MASONIC TEMPLE,
BOSTON, MASS.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:
CHARLES H. TITUS,
MASONIC TEMPLE,
BOSTON, MASS.

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

JUNE 13, A. L. 5877.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of June, A. L. 5877, A. D. 1877.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR	as Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN McCLELLAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 2.
R.W. SETH C. AMES	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 3.
R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 4.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 6.

R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 7.
R.W. HENRY M. HUMPHREY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 8.
R.W. JOHN A. HALL	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 10.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 12.
R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 13.
R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 15.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 17.
R.W. PLINY T. LITCHFIELD	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 18.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN	} Grand Lecturers.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY	
W. JACOB F. LOTTS	
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS	} Junior Grand Stewards.
W. HENRY STEPHENSON	
W. JAMES SWORDS	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. EDWARD AVERY	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON	} Grand Pursuivants.
W. BAALIS SANFORD, JR.	
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW	Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	Past Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON	" " "
R.W. GEORGE G. SMITH	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. MARSHALL P. WILDER	" " " "
R.W. JOEL SPALDING	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE	" " "
R.W. CHARLES KIMBALL	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	" " "
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL	" " "

R.W. IVORY H. POPE	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR	“ “ “
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	“ “ “
R.W. JOSEPH K. BAKER	“ “ “
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL	“ “ “

BRETHREN ON STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

W. HENRY J. PARKER,
W. JOSEPH B. MASON,
W. JOSEPH WINSOR,
W. JOEL SEAVERN,

W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI,
W. ALBERT BABBITT,
BRO. FRANK E. JONES.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, P. M. Prayer was offered by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus, as Grand Chaplain.

The records of the Quarterly and Special Communications in March last were approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The records of the Special Communications of April 5, 1877, at West Boylston, for the purpose of constituting Boylston Lodge, and installing its officers; and of May 21, 1877, at Boston Highlands, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Charles J. Danforth, were read and approved.

Amendments to By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

ROSWELL LEE LODGE, Springfield, amendment.
SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, Boston, amendments.

MOUNT VERNON LODGE, Malden, amendments.
 ANCIENT YORK LODGE, Lowell, amendments.
 PACIFIC LODGE, Amherst, amendment.
 BETH-HORON LODGE, Brookline, amendment.
 JORDAN LODGE, Peabody, amendments.
 MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, Westfield, amendments.
 SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, Newburyport, amendment.

Proxies were presented from

SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, Newburyport, in favor of BRO. FRANK W. HALE.

PIONEER LODGE, Somerset, in favor of W. BRO. JOHN G. TINKHAM.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD LODGE, Vineyard Haven, in favor of REV. BRO. DANIEL W. STEVENS.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

Petitions for formal healing were presented from Albert R. Rice, of Springfield, and William E. Whitehead, of Lowell, and were referred to the Committee on Healing.

The roll of the Lodges was called and the following were found to be represented:—

ABERDOUR.	COLUMBIAN.	GOLDEN FLEECE.
ALFRED BAYLIES.	CORINTHIAN.	HAMMATT.
AMICABLE.	CRESCENT.	HAMPDEN.
ANCHOR.	DALHOUSIE.	HYDE PARK.
ANCIENT LANDMARK.	DELTA.	• IONIC (Easthampton).
ATHELSTAN.	EDEN.	ISAAC PARKER.
AURORA.	ELEUSIS.	JAMES OTIS.
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BOYLSTON.	EUREKA.	JOHN CUTLER.
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CHARLES H. TITUS.	GATE OF THE TEMPLE.	KING CYRUS.

MOUNT VERNON LODGE, Malden, amendments.
 ANCIENT YORK LODGE, Lowell, amendments.
 PACIFIC LODGE, Amherst, amendment.
 BETH-HORON LODGE, Brookline, amendment.
 JORDAN LODGE, Peabody, amendments.
 MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, Westfield, amendments.
 SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, Newburyport, amendment.

Proxies were presented from

SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, Newburyport, in favor of BRO. FRANK W. HALE.

PIONEER LODGE, Somerset, in favor of W. BRO. JOHN G. TINKHAM.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD LODGE, Vineyard Haven, in favor of REV. BRO. DANIEL W. STEVENS.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

Petitions for formal healing were presented from Albert R. Rice, of Springfield, and William E. Whitehead, of Lowell, and were referred to the Committee on Healing.

The roll of the Lodges was called and the following were found to be represented:—

ABERDOUR.	COLUMBIAN.	GOLDEN FLEECE.
ALFRED BAYLIES.	CORINTHIAN.	HAMMATT.
AMICABLE.	CRESCENT.	HAMPDEN.
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KING SOLOMON.	OLD COLONY.	SAINT JOHN'S
KONOHASSETT.	ORIENT.	(Newburyport).
LAFAYETTE	ORPHAN'S HOPE.	SAINT MARK'S.
(Boston Highlands).	PALESTINE.	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).
MARTHA'S VINEYARD.	PAUL DEAN.	SAINT PAUL'S
MASSACHUSETTS.	PEQUOSSETTE.	(South Boston).
MERRIMACK.	PHOENIX.	SILOAM.
MONITOR.	PIONEER.	SIMON W. ROBINSON.
MONTACUTE.	PLYMOUTH.	STAR IN THE EAST.
MONTGOMERY.	PUTNAM.	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.
MOSAIC.	REVERE.	STARR KING.
MOUNT HOREB	RISING STAR.	TRINITY.
(West Harwich).	ROBERT LASH.	WASHINGTON.
MOUNT LEBANON.	ROSWELL LEE.	WILLIAM NORTH.
MOUNT OLIVET.	SAINT ALBAN'S.	WILLIAM SUTTON.
NARRAGANSETT.	SAINT ANDREW'S.	WINSLOW LEWIS.
NORFOLK.	SAINT JOHN'S (Boston).	

The committee appointed at the Special Communication, on the 21st of May last, to prepare a suitable tribute to the memory of our deceased Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Charles J. Danforth, submitted the following report:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, June 18, A.L. 5877.

The committee appointed at the Special Communication on the 21st of May last, to prepare some suitable tribute for our Records in memory of our deceased Brother R.W. Charles Jarvis Danforth, would respectfully submit the following report:—

Again we are reminded that the hour-glass, scythe, spade, and coffin are significant emblems in the instructions of our Order. "In the midst of life we are in death." In the vigor of life,

in the midst of his days, Charles Jarvis Danforth, our Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, has been called from the beloved wife and children, whose love so endeared him to the domestic joys of his pleasant home; from his partners and associates in business life, where his true manhood, courage and integrity had secured for him a position of honor and esteem; from the place of public worship, where his seat had been seldom vacant during the many years that he had been associated with the congregation assembled in the old church in Eliot square, and from his old and warm friend, Dr. Putnam, now for more than forty years its beloved pastor; from the various Masonic circles and associations, where his true worth was appreciated, and from the earthly fellowship of his Masonic Brethren, to whom he was united by the strongest ties of sincere affection. These places that have known him will know him no more. But from all these associations will come the one testimony, — that a good man has fallen; upright in his dealings, courageous and persevering in business, prompt and thorough in all the work his hands found to do.

Charles Jarvis Danforth was born in Taunton, this State, August 11, 1825. He died at his residence in this city, No. 58 Thornton street, on Thursday, the 17th day of May last, at three o'clock P.M., aged 51 years, 9 months, and 6 days. He was buried at Forest Hills Cemetery on Monday, May 21, by the Grand Lodge, accompanied by Lafayette Lodge, of which he was a member, and delegations from Columbian, Aberdour, Washington, and Joseph Webb Lodges, and from Bodies in other departments of Masonry, with which he was or had been officially connected.

Brother Danforth was made a Mason in Columbian Lodge, Boston, January 6, 1859; received the second degree February 3, and was made a Master Mason, April 7, of the same year.

On the 5th of May following he became a member of this Lodge. He was honorably discharged from membership January 2, 1862, and became a Charter member of Aberdour Lodge, Boston. Of this Lodge he was Senior Deacon from its organization until November 11, 1862, when he was elected Master; and was re-elected November 10, 1863. This Lodge voted, December 13, 1864, to present him a Past Master's jewel. The Secretary of Aberdour Lodge, Bro. Charles I. Eaton, in a communication to one of your committee, after giving certain facts which had been asked for, says, "While a member he was constantly called upon to serve upon important committees, and upon different occasions, which, I am informed, he was always ready and anxious to do."

In 1865 he joined with others in the organization of Lafayette Lodge, Boston Highlands, and served as Master under Dispensation granted by Grand Master Parkman, June 12, 1865; and was elected Master, after the Lodge was chartered, for the three following years, presiding over the Lodge four years.

The Secretary of this Lodge, Bro. John D. Willard, in a communication to your committee, speaks highly of "the esteem and respect in which he was held by the members of Lafayette Lodge, to whom he was ever their faithful friend and mentor."

In December, 1871, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District by Grand Master Nickerson, which office he continued to fill for four successive years, the last year by appointment of our present Grand Master Everett. This District comprises the twelve Lodges located in East Boston, South Boston, Boston Highlands, Dorchester District, and West Roxbury District, — all within the present limits of this city.

In other departments of Masonry he was equally zealous and efficient, having held the first office in Chapter and Council, and at the time of his death was the presiding officer of the Grand Council of the State. He had but recently received the orders of Masonic Knighthood, and held no official position in that branch of Masonry.

At our last Annual Communication he was elected Junior Grand Warden, receiving all but three votes of the three hundred and fifty-three cast, and died while holding this honorable position in the Craft.

In all his Masonic work he was earnest, efficient, prompt, and thorough. He was well skilled in Masonic usages, and possessed a very general and correct knowledge of Masonic ceremonies and rituals. He did so well whatever work was assigned to him that he was never without some work to do.

As an illustration of his willingness to do, and his perseverance and thoroughness in execution, your committee would refer to the General Index he prepared of the full set of R.W. Charles W. Moore's magazine, for the use of our library. This set contains thirty-two octavo volumes of fine print, and embraces every subject pertaining to Masonry. No one who has never engaged in such work can realize the time, patience, and labor required for its fulfilment. For about eighteen months he gave to this labor all his spare hours from business and other Masonic work. The task was well and thoroughly done, and will be to us a monument of his good-will and faithful, patient work for the benefit of the Craft.

It is manifest that such a man must gain the esteem and love of his Brethren. This was sometimes shown in valuable presents bestowed, such as a very valuable clock from Lafayette Lodge, and a set of Appleton's Cyclopædia, in elegant library binding, from the Lodges of the Third Masonic District.

Your committee submit the following resolutions : —

Resolved, That in the death of our Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Charles Jarvis Danforth, we mourn the loss of one who had become endeared to us by his fidelity to the great principles of our Order; his readiness to accept and perform whatever Masonic work was assigned to him; by the conscientious and thorough manner in which he executed whatever his hands found to do for the welfare of the Craft, and by the heartiness he manifested in social intercourse, making him always a pleasant companion and a Brother beloved.

Resolved, That, while we mourn our loss, we will cherish with grateful recollection the influence of his manly life, his devotion to duty, his fidelity to truth, his friendship which made a Brother's welfare his own, and of a life, in all its varied relations, well-spent.

Resolved, That the Recording Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the widow of our deceased Brother an attested copy of these resolutions.

CHARLES H. TITUS,
HENRY G. FAY,
J. ELLIOT BOND,
Committee.

The report was accepted and the resolutions unanimously adopted.

The Grand Master stated that the vacancy in the office of Junior Grand Warden would now be filled in accordance with the provisions of the Grand Constitutions; and in order that the members might have opportunity to consult together and prepare their ballots, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for ten minutes.

At ten minutes past three o'clock the Grand Lodge resumed labor. The Grand Master appointed as the committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., R.W. Lucius W. Lovell, and W. George R. Marble. On motion of R.W. Bro. Nickerson, the call of the Lodges was omitted in voting.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Junior Grand Warden to be two hundred and twenty, all of which were for W. Edward Avery, of Braintree, and he was declared unanimously elected Junior Grand Warden for the remaining portion of this Masonic year.

The newly-elected Junior Grand Warden was installed into his office and station in AMPLE FORM, and proclamation thereof duly made.

The Grand Master announced that the vacancy now existing in the office of Grand Standard-Bearer, in consequence of the election of R.W. Bro. Avery to his present office, would be filled by the appointment of W. Bro. Z. L. Bicknell, of East Weymouth.

The Recording Grand Secretary made formal announcement of the death of R.W. George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, who lost his life in the ter-

rible calamity attending the destruction of the Southern Hotel, in St. Louis, on the 11th of April last, and referred to him as a Brother widely known and greatly beloved by the Fraternity, possessing extensive knowledge of Masonic law and literature, and ever manifesting the genial characteristics of a loving companion and a true peacemaker in his intercourse with the Craft; and it was ordered that the foregoing minute be placed upon our records.

On motion of the Grand Treasurer, five hundred dollars were appropriated to charitable purposes, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity.

The Recording Grand Secretary announced that our R.W. Bro. Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D.D., had presented to our Grand Lodge library the extensive and comprehensive History of the City of Cambridge, of which he is the author; and, on motion of R.W. William D. Coolidge, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to Bro. Paige for his valuable and acceptable present.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Annual Address, submitted to the Grand Lodge in December last, made a verbal report through the Chairman, R.W. Edward Avery, stating that the committee had carefully examined the address, and

had decided that there was no further action required on the part of the Grand Lodge, as the recommendations therein set forth had already received its endorsement and commendation.

The committee appointed at our last Annual Communication to consider the subject of clandestine Masonry, as set forth in our Grand Constitutions, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the proposed amendment was referred to a committee, to report thereon at our next Quarterly Communication.

The Grand Master appointed as the committee, R.W. Charles A. Welch, R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence, and R.W. Francis Childs.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLANDESTINE MASONRY, AS
SET FORTH IN THE GRAND CONSTITUTIONS.

IN GRAND LODGE, June 13, 1877.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Clandestine Masonry, as set forth in the Grand Constitutions, would respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the matter submitted to them, and, while they would guard against the lessening of any of the safeguards that the Grand Constitutions now impose upon the Lodges to prevent any irregularities in their manner of admitting candidates, they have deemed it proper to propose the following amendment, for the sake of innocent candidates who may have no knowledge of, or responsibility for, the irregularity that may occur in their admission to Masonry.

Add, at the close of Sect. 2, Art. III., Part IV., of the Grand Constitutions, the words following:—

Provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the satisfaction of the M.W. Grand Master, that any person deemed a clandestine Mason under the provisions of this Article shall have received the degrees solely by the fault or mistake of the Lodge conferring the same, or of any officer or member of such Lodge, the Grand Master may, in his discretion, cause such person to be healed without a petition to the Grand Lodge therefor.

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

Committee.

NOTE BY GRAND SECRETARY.—The third member of this committee was R.W. Charles J. Danforth, now deceased.

The committee to whom had been referred certain papers relating to the Grand Lodge of Cuba made report as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE OF CUBA.

IN GRAND LODGE, June 18, 1877.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:—

The committee to whom were referred the papers in relation to a certain Body calling itself the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and asking for recognition by this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that there appear to be two Bodies claiming jurisdiction over the Lodges in the island of Cuba; one the Grand Lodge of Colon, so called, claiming jurisdiction over several of the West India Islands,—the other the above-mentioned Grand Lodge of Cuba; that your committee have not sufficient evidence to

decide between their conflicting claims of jurisdiction, even if it was proper for them so to do. They therefore advise that no action be taken for the present by this Grand Lodge upon the subject referred to them.

CHARLES A. WELCH,
CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,
SERENO D. NICKERSON,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Healing presented the following reports:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALING, IN THE CASE OF
WILLIAM E. WHITEHEAD.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, June 13, 1877.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Edward Whitehead, of Lowell, for formal healing, submit the following report:—

The petitioner, about four years ago, applied to Ancient York Lodge, of Lowell, for the degrees, and was rejected. In the summer of 1875 he visited England, and, at the instance of his father and other friends, applied for the degrees in Masonry to the Stamford and Warrington Lodge, No. 1,408, Stolybridge, was accepted, and received the degrees, being raised on the seventh day of February, 1876. He shortly after returned to this country. He declares, on his honor, that, at the time he went to England, he had no intention of applying for the degrees; but he does not state that he was ignorant of the Masonic law in relation to rejected applicants and the juris-

diction of our Grand Lodge. Your committee would not, under these circumstances, recommend the granting of the prayer of the petition; but, the matter having been submitted to Ancient York Lodge, and that Lodge, at a Regular Communication, having voted to "recommend to the Grand Lodge that the petition of William Edward Whitehead, to be healed, be granted, if he be found worthy," your committee recommend that the petition be referred to the M.W. Grand Master, with full power to formally heal the petitioner if he deems it proper to do so.

The petition is accompanied by formal certificates from the Grand Secretary and other officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and the officers of Stamford and Warrington Lodge, No. 1408.

EDWARD AVERY,

FREDERICK D. ELY,

SAMUEL WELLS,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation that the petition be referred to the Grand Master, with full power to heal the petitioner if he deems it proper to do so, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALING, IN THE CASE OF ALBERT R. RICE.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, June 18, 1877.

The committee to whom was referred the application of Albert Raymond Rice, of Springfield, for formal healing, have attended to the duty assigned them, and submit the following report:—

In 1866 the petitioner applied to Hampden Lodge, Spring-

field, for the degrees, and was rejected. In 1875 he applied to Roswell Lee Lodge, Springfield, stating in his application that he had once before applied for the degrees, and was accepted. He says, in his petition, that at the time he made his second application he supposed that his first application was made to Roswell Lee Lodge, and that his attention was not called to the matter until about the time of the date of his present petition, some two years after he received his degrees.

On receiving the papers in the case, your committee addressed a note to the W.M. of Hampden Lodge, calling his attention to the petition of Mr. Rice, and received a reply stating that there was no objection, on the part of Hampden Lodge, to the granting of the petition.

From the evidence before your committee, it is clear that the petitioner was not legally made a Mason in Roswell Lee Lodge; that the fault does not lie at his door, but that the officers and members of Roswell Lee Lodge were guilty of a want of due care, and omission of duty, in receiving him. They were notified by his application that he had before applied for the degrees, and been rejected. It was their duty—a duty they owed alike to themselves, to the Craft and the applicant—to ascertain all the facts in regard to him: when he before applied, where, and why he was rejected, and then to proceed only in conformity to the requirements of the Grand Constitutions. The slightest inquiry, even an examination of their own records, would have satisfied them that they could not receive the applicant.

For this omission and neglect of Masonic duty, your committee recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be requested to convey to the officers and members of Roswell Lee Lodge the disapprobation of the Grand Lodge.

In making this recommendation your committee are mindful

of the high character and intelligence of the officers of Roswell Lee Lodge, and are constrained to attribute their conduct in this matter to a want of due care.

Your committee further recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that Albert Raymond Rice be formally healed.

EDWARD AVERY,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
SAMUEL WELLS,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

The Committee on Charters, to whom was referred a petition from Pilgrim Lodge, relating to its charter, asked for further time, which was granted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented their report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, JUNE 18, 1877.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge: —

The Committee on By-Laws have examined amendments submitted by

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, Westfield,
MOUNT VERNON LODGE, Malden,
SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, Newburyport,
SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, Boston,
ANCIENT YORK LODGE, Lowell,

ROSWELL LEE LODGE, Springfield,
JORDAN LODGE, Peabody,
PACIFIC LODGE, Amherst,
BETH-HORON LODGE, Brookline,

and, with slight changes made by the committee in those of Saint John's, Boston, and Beth-horon, we recommend their approval.

In June, 1873, your committee had the honor to submit several regulations, in relation to By-Laws, which were approved, and have been of great service in settling matters of difference between framers of By-Laws and your committee.

Experience shows us the need of a regulation regulating the manner of balloting, as we believe the custom varies much throughout the Commonwealth, and there is nothing definite in the Grand Constitutions. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following Standing Regulation:—

In balloting for degrees or membership, the Worshipful Master may allow three ballotings, at his discretion; but when the balloting has been commenced it must be concluded, and the candidate declared accepted or rejected, without the intervention of any other business whatever.

WILLIAM F. SALMON,
THOMAS W. DAVIS,
JOEL SEAVERNs,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation relating to the amendments of By-Laws was adopted. So much of the report as recommends a Standing Regulation in relation to the ballot, to

be appended to our Grand Constitutions, was also adopted.

R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, President of the Trial Commission, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the finding approved:—

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF TRIALS, IN THE CASE
OF CHARLES W. BROWN.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, June 18, 1877.

IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM H. TOZER, COMPLAINANT,
vs.
CHARLES W. BROWN.

Before the Commissioners of Trials.

In the above-entitled complaint the respondent was charged with unmasonic conduct in illegally revealing to a profane the private transactions of John T. Heard Lodge, in the town of Ipswich. The charge contained six specifications, relating severally to disclosures respecting the action taken by the Lodge upon the application for the degrees of the above-mentioned profane, and of others.

Service upon the respondent was duly made, in compliance with the provisions of the Grand Constitutions and the regulations of the Commissioners. At the taking of the testimony before the President of the Commissioners, both the complainant and the respondent were present, and at the time appointed for the hearing of the complaint before the full board, the former was represented by W. Bro. Nathaniel Shatswell, Master of John T. Heard Lodge, and the latter by Bro. Frank W. Hale, of Newburyport, although neither party desired to be heard in argument.

The offence charged in the complaint was one of much gravity, and, had it been duly proved, would have properly subjected the respondent to severe punishment; but the testimony, which is contained at length in the record herewith submitted, utterly failed, in the judgment of the Commissioners, to connect the respondent with the matters alleged against him in the specifications, and he was therefore adjudged *not guilty*.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
President of Commissioners of Trials.

R.W. Henry G. Fay submitted the following amendment to the form of application, Art. III., Sec. I., of Part IV., of the Grand Constitutions, and stated that the amendment was recommended by the Board of District Deputy Grand Masters: —

I have never before applied for initiation.

I have before applied for initiation in Lodge, located
at

[Here add the date of application; the form not used to be crossed out
by the applicant.]

The proposed amendment was referred to the same committee to whom the previous amendment was referred.

R.W. Charles A. Welch presented to the Grand Lodge the Past Master's Diploma of Hon. Timothy Bigelow, Past Grand Master, the gift of his grandson, Timothy Bigelow, to be preserved by the

Grand Lodge as an interesting memento of an honored and beloved Brother.

Bro. Welch also stated that the family friends of Past Grand Master Bigelow had examined the portrait recently painted and placed in our hall, and had expressed much pleasure that a painting showing such artistic skill, and so faithful a likeness of one now removed from us, had been put by us in this place of honor.

R.W. Bro. Wilder added interesting remarks in relation to Mr. Bigelow and his family connections, and stated that he had an interesting address on the death of Gen. Washington, delivered by him in 1800, in the Old South Church, Boston, and which he would with pleasure present to the Grand Lodge library.

R.W. George G. Smith, in behalf of R.W. William Sutton, presented to the Grand Lodge an engraved portrait of Thomas Smith Webb, and explained the circumstances of its possession by Bro. Sutton in the following words:—

REMARKS OF R.W. GEORGE G. SMITH ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE PORTRAIT OF THOMAS SMITH WEBB.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:—A short time ago, as our R.W. Bro. Sutton was in the Eastern Railroad depot, ready to take the cars for his home, an aged man accosted him, stating that he wished to get to Salem, but had not a cent of money.

Now, our Brother had never seen the man before, and never

saw him afterwards, but we all know just the answer that such a man would be sure to make, — the petitioner was relieved, of course. Some time afterwards, I do not know exactly how long, Bro. Sutton received notice that the petitioner, whose name I do not know, was dead, and had bequeathed him this portrait, as the most valuable thing he had to bestow.

This portrait I now, in R.W. Bro. Sutton's name, and by his request, present to this Grand Lodge, desiring that it may be laid up in your archives.

It may, perhaps, derive some additional value to my friends, from the fact that the plate was engraved, many years ago, by my former partner, our late Bro. William B. Annin, and myself.

The design was by our late Bro. John R. Penniman, an artist of wonderfully original genius, who, perhaps, may be still remembered by some of our aged Brethren. It is proper to say that the plate was destroyed by a fire in Court street, not long after it was engraved, which misfortune renders the few copies that are left — I do not think there are a dozen of them — all the more valuable. The portrait was from an original, painted by Frothingham, — an artist of great celebrity in his day. The likeness I can vouch for myself.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Coolidge the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to Bro. Sutton for his valuable present.

The Grand Master, in fitting terms, referred to the four venerable Brethren, signers of the famous "Declaration" of 1831, who were with us at this Communication, namely, R.W. Bros. Marshall P.

Wilder, William Sutton and George G. Smith,
and Bro. Timothy Phelps.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge
was closed in AMPLE FORM at five o'clock, P. M.,
with prayer by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus, and
singing.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

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September 12, 1877,

AND

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION,

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MASONIC TEMPLE,
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GRAND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:
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Abstract of Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

SEPTEMBER 12, A. L. 5877.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the twelfth day of September, A. L. 5877, A. D. 1877.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. EDWARD AVERY	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 2.
R.W. SETH C. AMES	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 3.
R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 4.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 6.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 7.
R.W. HENRY M. HUMPHREY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 8.

R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 9.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 11.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 12.
R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 14.
R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 15.
R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 16.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG . . .	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN . . .	} Grand Lecturers.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY . . .	
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS . . .	Junior Grand Steward.
W. JAMES SWORDS . . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. Z. L. BICKNELL . . .	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON . . .	} Grand Pursuivants.
W. BAALIS SANFORD, JR. . .	
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW . . .	Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE . . .	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER . . .	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON . . .	" " "
R.W. LUCIUS R. PAIGE . . .	Past Deputy Grand Master
R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN . . .	" " " "
R.W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY . . .	" " " "
B.W. HENRY CHICKERING . . .	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM W. BAKER . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON . . .	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES KIMBALL . . .	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. . .	" " "
R.W. ISAAC H. WRIGHT . . .	" " "
R.W. PETER C. JONES . . .	" " "
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL . . .	" " "

R.W. IVORY H. POPE Past Grand Warden.
 R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER " " "
 R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL " " "

BRETHREN ON STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE PRESENT.

W. HENRY J. PARKER, W. OTIS E. WELD,
 W. JAMES MILLS, W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI,
 W. JOSEPH WINSOR, W. ALBERT BABBITT,
 BRO. FRANK E. JONES.

Lodges represented:—

ABERDOUR.	JOHN ABBOT.	PAUL DEAN.
ADELPHI.	JOHN CUTLER.	PENTUCKET.
ALFRED BAYLIES.	JOHN T. HEARD.	PEQUOSSETTE.
AMICABLE.	JORDAN.	PILGRIM.
ANCIENT LANDMARK.	JOSEPH WARREN.	PLYMOUTH.
BELMONT.	JOSEPH WEBB.	PURITAN.
BETHANY.	KING SOLOMON.	PUTNAM.
CALEB BUTLER.	LAFAYETTE	REVERE.
CHARITY.	(Boston Highlands).	RISING STAR.
CHARLES C. DAME.	MASSACHUSETTS.	SAINT JOHN'S (Boston).
CHARLES H. TITUS.	MAYFLOWER.	SAINT JOHN'S
COCHICHEWICK.	MIDDLESEX.	(Newburyport).
CORINTHIAN.	MIZPAH.	SAINT MARK'S.
CRESCENT.	MONITOR.	SAINT MARTIN'S.
DELTA.	MONTACUTE.	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).
DORIC.	MOAIC.	SAINT PAUL'S
ELIOT.	MOUNT CARMEL.	(South Boston).
EUREKA.	MOUNT HOREB	SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.
EZEKIEL BATES.	(Woburn).	STAR IN THE EAST.
FAITH.	MOUNT HOREB	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.
FELLOWSHIP.	(West Harwich).	STARR KING.
FRATERNITY.	MOUNT LEBANON.	TRINITY.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE.	MOUNT OLIVET.	UNION (Nantucket).
GOLDEN FLEECE.	OLD COLONY.	WASHINGTON.
GRECIAN.	OLIVE BRANCH.	WILLIAM PARKMAN.
HAMPDEN.	ORIENT.	WILLIAM SUTTON.
HYDE PARK.	ORPHAN'S HOPE.	WINSLOW LEWIS.
JERUSALEM.	PALESTINE.	

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, P.M., with prayer by W. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing.

The record of the Quarterly Communication in June last was approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and were referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

FULL CODES.

MARINE LODGE, Falmouth.
OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, Millbury.

AMENDMENTS.

SAINT MARTIN'S LODGE, Chatham.
WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE, Saugus.
TUSCAN LODGE, Lawrence.
MASSACHUSETTS LODGE, Boston.
JOSEPH WARREN LODGE, Boston.

A proxy was presented from

GRECIAN LODGE, Lawrence, in favor of W. BRO. MERRILL N. HOWE.

He was recognized accordingly.

A petition for formal healing was presented from Charles H. Eaton, of Boston, and was referred to the Committee on Healing.

The Grand Master stated that he had received a petition from F. G. Blanchard and others, members of Caleb Butler Lodge, of Ayer, asking for a stay of proceedings in said Lodge in the conferring of the degrees upon an accepted candidate; and the petition was referred to a committee consisting of R.W. Brothers Cheever, Nickerson, and Avery.

The Recording Grand Secretary reported that the Charter of Hiram Lodge, of Copiapo, Chili, which had ceased to exist, had been forwarded by Rev. Dr. Trumbull, District Deputy for Chili, and had been placed among the archives of the Grand Lodge.

The death of R.W. John A. Harris, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, was announced by the Recording Grand Secretary, as communicated in the following letter:—

LETTER FROM GEORGE P. CLEAVES, GRAND SECRETARY
PRO TEM., ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF R.W. JOHN A.
HARRIS.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,

CONCORD, Sept. 3, A.L. 5877.

R.W. SIR AND BROTHER,—It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of our R.W. Brother, John A. Harris, Grand Secretary, who died in this city this morning. He will be buried by the Lodge of which he was a member,

Wednesday next, at eleven (11) o'clock in the forenoon. The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire will be present, and it is hoped you will be present, with such friends as the deceased may have had in your city, that you may invite.

By order of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. P. CLEAVES,

Grand Secretary pro tem.

R.W. CHAS. H. TITUS, Boston.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, it was voted, that the following minute of the eminent Masonic character and services of our late R.W. Brother Harris be entered upon our Records:—

MINUTE UPON THE DEATH OF JOHN A. HARRIS.

R.W. John A. Harris, the well-known Freemason of Concord, N. H., died Sept. 3. Mr. Harris, who was one of the most distinguished Freemasons of New England, was born in Warner, N. H., Nov. 8, 1823. His father, the late Harrison G. Harris, of Warner, was a well-known lawyer, and an uncle, Judge John Harris, of Hopkinton, was an eminent jurist, while both of them attained high positions in various Masonic organizations. The subject of this sketch obtained a good academic education, and afterward was a clerk in a country store at Warner. Subsequently he was engaged in the dry-goods trade in Boston, Waltham, and Lowell. About 1850 he went to Concord, N. H., where he was for a long time established in mercantile business. A few years ago he relinquished trade, since which time he had devoted himself almost exclusively to the duties of the vari-

ous Masonic positions which he held. He was a member of Blazing Star Lodge, Trinity Royal Arch Chapter, Horace Chase Council, and Mt. Horeb Commandery of Concord, and had also taken all the degrees of the A. and A. rite to the 32°. He has filled many positions in subordinate organizations, while the offices to which he had been called in the Grand Bodies of New Hampshire constitute one of the most honored records that has ever fallen to a member of the Fraternity in New England. In the Grand Lodge he was Lecturer in the Concord District five years, from 1865 to 1869; R.W. Junior Grand Warden in 1870 and 1871; R.W. State Grand Lecturer in 1871; R.W. Senior Grand Warden in 1872, and since 1873 R.W. Grand Secretary. In the Grand Royal Arch Chapter he was R.A. Captain in 1865; E. Grand Captain of the Host in 1866; E. Grand King in 1867 and 1868; E. Deputy Grand High Priest in 1869; M.E. Grand High Priest in 1870 and 1871, and from 1873 E. Grand Secretary. In the Council of High Priests of the State of New Hampshire he was Master of Ceremonies in 1869 and 1872, Vice-President in 1870 and 1871, and Secretary since 1873. In the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters he was Captain of the Guard in 1868; Ill. Conductor in 1869; Ill. Grand Master in 1870 and 1871; Deputy Grand Master in 1872; M.P. Grand Master in 1873 and 1874, and Grand Recorder from 1875. In the Grand Commandery he had been E. Grand Recorder since 1870. In the Scottish Rite he had been Ill. Grand Hospitaller of the Council of Deliberation. During several years past he had been collecting data for a complete history of the Grand Lodge of his State. He never married. Two sisters and three brothers survive him, two of the latter being in trade at Concord and one in business at the West.

We sympathize with our Sister Grand Lodge in the great loss it has sustained in the death of so eminent a Brother, and so zealous, devoted, and faithful a laborer in the cause of Masonry.

Communications from the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and the Grand Lodge of Dakota, announcing the destruction by fire of their Grand Lodge Libraries, were submitted by the Recording Grand Secretary, and, on motion of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Chairman of the Library Committee, it was voted, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish these Grand Lodges with duplicates of the proceedings of our own and other Grand Lodges so far as may be possible.

The committee to whom was referred the proposed amendments to the Grand Constitutions asked that the report might be deferred until the Annual Communication, in December next, and the request was granted.

The Committee on Healing was granted further time on the petitions of Seth Winslow and Charles H. Eaton.

The Committee on Charters, to whom was referred the petition from Pilgrim Lodge, reported as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS ON THE PETITION
OF PILGRIM LODGE.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

September 12, 1877.

The Committee on Charters, to whom was referred the petition of Pilgrim Lodge, of South Harwich, to amend the Charter of said Lodge by striking out the word "South," so as to read Pilgrim Lodge of Harwich, have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report:—

That the object of the petitioners, as stated in their petition, is to obtain a more favorable location, where better accommodations can be had nearer the geographical centre of their membership.

Your committee have carefully considered the matter, and are of the opinion that while the object of the petitioners is a very desirable one, and would, no doubt, be of great benefit to Pilgrim Lodge, there are others who feel that their interests would be seriously affected by the removal of Pilgrim Lodge from its present locality. Your committee have, therefore, considered the objections made by Mount Horeb Lodge, located at West Harwich; and, in view of all the facts, would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

IVORY H. POPE,

SAMUEL D. YOUNG,

W. R. WILSON,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation that the petition be not granted was adopted.

The Grand Master announced the death of R.W. Samuel K. Hutchinson, of Lowell, Past Junior Grand Warden, and stated that he had appointed R.W. Solon W. Stevens, R.W. William F. Salmon, and W. Arthur G. Pollard, a committee to prepare a suitable memorial to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, and placed upon our Records. In behalf of said committee R.W. Brother Stevens presented the following report:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF R.W. SAMUEL
K. HUTCHINSON.

IN GRAND LODGE, Sept. 12, 1877.

Most Worshipful Grand Master :—

The committee appointed to prepare some suitable notice of the death of R.W. Samuel Knox Hutchinson, Past Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, and present the same at this Communication, have attended to that duty, and hereby submit the following report:—

Once more has the invincible enemy invaded our ranks and smitten one whose long life of integrity, enriched by domestic endearments, and adorned by virtues incident to a continuous, faithful Masonic service, affords an instructive example of the priceless value of character formed by a strict adherence to the principles of truth, honor, and brotherly love.

Another brave and untiring spirit, zealous to the last in the interests of our noble Order, has yielded to the celestial summons, leaving an additional vacancy in the list of heroes who not only earnestly loved and carefully guarded the princi-

ples of this Institution in the earlier days of its prosperity, but also in the days of its adversity, guided by conscience and unyielding loyalty, continued true to their profession, "faithful among the faithless found."

Samuel Knox Hutchinson was born in Pembroke, N. H., Oct. 23, 1804, and died in Lowell, Mass., Aug. 1, 1877, aged seventy-two years, nine months, and eight days. The period of time thus represented covers the life of a citizen and a Mason who was greatly loved and highly respected by all with whom, in the varied discharge of duty, he became associated. He was by profession a contractor and builder. In 1822, at the age of eighteen he came to Lowell, and was employed in the erection of several of the oldest public buildings in that city, among which may be mentioned the mills of the Merrimack Manufacturing Company, and St. Anne's Church. He afterwards went to Andover, where he was employed in erecting a portion of the seminary buildings.

On the 22d of December, 1825, he was proposed for initiation into the rites of Free and Accepted Masonry in Pentucket Lodge, and was raised to the degree of Master Mason in that Lodge on the 26th of January, 1826. Leaving Andover in 1835, he resided in Maine until 1844, when he returned to Lowell with the intention of making that city his home. During this time his zeal for Masonry had increased with his years and strength, so that on his return he was elected a member of Pentucket Lodge, Feb. 5, 1846, and on the following October was appointed to the office of Marshal. At this period he was employed by the Massachusetts Cotton Mills Company in enlarging their works, and in building the mills of the Prescott Company.

In 1848 he went to Holyoke for the purpose of constructing important works for the Hadley Falls Company. While there

he connected himself with Mt. Tom Lodge, and on the 9th of Jan., 1851, was installed its Worshipful Master. He soon after returned to Lowell.

In 1852, while Ancient York Lodge was acting under Dispensation, he held the office of Junior Warden. He became a Charter Member of this Lodge on the 9th of June, 1853, was elected Junior Warden on the 22d of the same month, and on the 7th of March, 1854, was elected Worshipful Master. In the long list of names of those who have presided in the East, of this old and prosperous Lodge, there is none more worthy than his of remaining in grateful remembrance for efficiency of work and unabated zeal. On the 13th of Dec., 1854, he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and was installed as such on the 27th of the same month, R.W. Winslow Lewis, *nomen magnum et venerabile*, being then the occupant of the Oriental chair.

In 1855 he was appointed by Governor Clifford one of the commissioners for rebuilding the State House, and subsequently he was employed by the manufacturing companies of Lowell in enlarging, rebuilding, and generally improving their mill property, his services in this capacity being considered of special value. In 1860 and 61 he had charge of constructing several manufacturing establishments in Lewiston, Me.; and in 1864 he was appointed, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, supervising agent of the constructing of the Masonic Temple in Boston. After the completion of the Temple he was less actively engaged in business. His health became somewhat impaired; consequently he was compelled, in a great degree, to slacken his industry, although he continued more or less busy in designing and erecting public and private buildings in Lowell, some of which are prominent among the public ornaments of that city.

He was connected with Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, having received the Royal Arch Degree in this Chapter, Dec. 20, 1847. Between Oct. 10, 1853, and Oct. 22, 1855, he was three times elected High Priest, and in 1855 he was elected Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

He was a member of Ahasnerus Council of Royal and Select Masters, having received the Royal and Super Excellent Master's degrees Jan. 26, 1857. He was elected Most Illustrious Master Sept. 23, 1861, and was annually elected to this office until Sept. 16, 1867.

About the year 1854 he received the orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery of Knights Templars, Boston, Mass. In 1855, Oct. 10, he became a Charter Member of Pilgrim Commandery, Lowell, having served as Generalissimo while this Commandery was acting under Dispensation, and on the 31st of the same month was elected Eminent Commander of this Body. He was retained in this position by election during the three following years, commanding universal respect by his ability and knightly bearing.

He received the degrees of the A. and A. Scottish Rite in Lowell Lodge of Perfection Nov. 27th, 1861. On the same date the degrees from the 14th to the 32d inclusive were given him by communication. He received the 33d degree May 22, 1863, in Boston. He held the office of Commander in Chief of the Massachusetts Consistory from Dec. 18, 1867, until the time of the union, Feb. 15, 1871, when the Massachusetts Consistory was removed from Lowell to Boston.

He was elected an honorary member of Pentucket Lodge Nov. 11, 1875, of Ancient York Lodge Dec. 10, 1867, of Kilwinning Lodge May 17th, 1867, of Mt. Horeb R.A.

Chapter Nov. 11, 1867, of Ahasuerus Council Oct. 10, 1870, and of Pilgrim Commandery May 18, 1870.

Such are some of the outlines of a well-spent, earnest life. At the age of more than threescore years and ten he has laid aside the working-tools and passed to the rewards which are promised to the faithful. He was buried at Lowell, Aug. 4, 1877, with Masonic honors, under the supervision of Ancient York Lodge, Bro. Arthur G. Pollard, Worshipful Master, officiating. Delegates in their official capacity were present from the Grand Lodge and from the Massachusetts Consistory.

In life beloved and highly respected, in death honored and lamented, our Brother has left behind the record of an ardent, loyal Mason, and an estimable Christian gentleman.

As a tribute to his memory, inadequate though it may seem, your committee desire to present the following preamble and resolutions:—

Whereas, By the death of R.W. Samuel K. Hutchinson we are called to mourn the loss of one of the oldest and most respected Masons in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, It is eminently proper that this Grand Lodge should place upon record some expression of its sense of the great loss thereby sustained by the Fraternity; therefore

Resolved, That we will with gratitude revere the memory of our honored Brother for the courage manifested in remaining true to the principles of our Institution during the dark and troublesome times when men assailed and reviled it, and ignominy, violence, and persecution were the portion of those, who guided by conscience, were faithful to the interests committed to their charge.

Resolved, That by his long and industrious life, unsullied and without reproach, his generosity and courtesy, his life-

long devotion to the cause of Freemasonry, his keen and profound appreciation of the dignity of character which should belong to the just and upright Mason, our Brother has reflected honor upon the Order, become entitled to the grateful remembrance of the Brethren, and presented an example worthy of imitation by all the members of the Craft.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge does most respectfully and tenderly sympathize with the family of our deceased Brother in their great bereavement, and that the Recording Grand Secretary be requested to transmit to them a copy of these resolutions.

SOLON W. STEVENS,
WILLIAM F. SALMON,
ARTHUR G. POLLARD,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote.

R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, President of the Board of Trial Commissioners, submitted the following report:—

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF TRIALS IN THE CASE OF
LEWIS A. PERKINS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
September 12, 1877.

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS OF TRIALS.

S. H. KIMBALL, COMPLAINANT, *vs.* LEWIS A. PERKINS.

In this complaint the respondent, an unaffiliated Mason, was charged with unmasonic conduct; the specification alleging the

seduction of, and criminal intercourse with, the daughter of a Master Mason, with the further allegation that at the time of the misconduct the respondent knew her to be such. During the taking of the testimony and at the argument the complainant appeared in his own behalf, and the respondent was represented by Brother Charles H. Chellis, as his counsel. The fact that one side only was represented by counsel caused, as it seemed, an unnecessary prolongation of the hearing, especially in the time occupied in taking the testimony; so that in the view of the added expense to the Grand Lodge, involved in prolonged hearings for this purpose, it is desirable either that each side, in trials before the Board, should appear by counsel, or that neither should so appear.

The issue raised in this case was a simple one of *fact*, with which no embarrassing or important question of Masonic law or practice was connected. It was ably and elaborately argued before the Board, by Brother Chellis and Brother Kimball for their respective sides. Upon full consideration of all the testimony, and of the arguments respectively, it was unanimously adjudged, by the Board, that the respondent is guilty in manner and form as alleged, and he is, therefore, sentenced to expulsion from the rights and privileges of Masonry.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

President of Commissioners of Trials.

The report was accepted, and the finding confirmed, whereby Lewis A. Perkins, an unaffiliated Mason, is expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

R.W. Brother Cheever, in behalf of the committee to whom had been referred the petition

from F. G. Blanchard and others, of Caleb Butler Lodge, against conferring the degrees upon William A. Puffer, an accepted candidate, made report as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PETITION OF F. G.
BLANCHARD AND OTHERS OF CALEB BUTLER LODGE.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

September 12, 1877.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of F. G. Blanchard and four others, members of Caleb Butler Lodge, have duly considered the matters contained in said petition, and respectfully report:—

That, upon an inspection of the petition and accompanying papers, it appears that one William A. Puffer, prior to June 11, 1877, had been proposed for the degrees in Masonry in Caleb Butler Lodge; that a ballot upon his application was taken on said June 11, which resulted in his favor, and he was, therefore, admitted to receive the degrees; that seasonable objections, under Sect. 7, Art. III., Part IV., of the Grand Constitutions, were raised by certain members of the Lodge to his initiation; and that at a Special Communication, held June 18, 1877, a committee of nine members was appointed by the Worshipful Master to hear and consider the objections, and make report thereon; that at a Communication held July 9, 1877, this committee made a unanimous report to the Lodge, in which they stated that they had carefully examined the objections, after full hearing, and “they appear to be of a trivial nature; and, in our opinion, capable of a satisfactory explanation. Therefore, with due deference to the objectors,

we are compelled to report that, in our opinion, the objections to the initiation of William A. Puffer are not valid, and should not prevent his initiation." The report of the committee was adopted by the Lodge. The petitioners now present an appeal to the Grand Lodge from the decision of Caleb Butler Lodge, adopting the report of the committee, and ask that such action may be had as will give the petitioners an opportunity to verify the specifications of their petition with proper evidence. The specifications or grounds of objections to the report of the committee are as follows:—

First. That we have reason to believe, and do believe, that a majority of the committee appointed were unduly biassed and prejudiced in favor of such candidate.

Second. That the said candidate is not a fit and proper subject to be made a Mason, for the following reasons among others: 1. That he is lacking in sound sense and good judgment, and is easily influenced and led by others. 2. That he is one of that class of persons that cannot keep secrets. 3. That we have reason to believe, and do believe, that the admission of said candidate to the Order would tend to weaken the good opinion of the Fraternity in the eyes of the world.

Appended to the petition is the statement of thirteen members of the Lodge who were absent when the ballot on Puffer's application was taken, to the effect that they consider Puffer an unsuitable person to receive the degrees, and that his admission would be an injury to the Lodge and to Masonry.

The question raised by the petition depends upon the construction of Sec. 7th aforesaid, under which these proceedings of Caleb Butler Lodge were had. The section is as follows: "Any member of a subordinate Lodge may object to the initiation, passing or raising of a candidate, at any time before the degree is conferred, and it shall be the duty of the Lodge to

investigate such objections before proceeding with the candidate."

If this subject were a new one, and this section had never received a practical construction by Grand Masters and by the Grand Lodge, it might be the duty of your committee to present an argument embodying their own views as to the proper meaning and intent of this salutary provision of our Grand Constitutions; but such an effort is needless, inasmuch as a uniform construction of the section has been heretofore given by the Grand Masters, and under the express sanction of the Grand Lodge. Your committee understand that the invariable construction of, and practice under, this section have been that, where a seasonable objection has been made to the conferring of either of the degrees, and such objection has been properly referred to a committee for consideration, and the committee has made its report to the Lodge, which report has been accepted by the vote of a majority of the members, such action is regular and *conclusive*, whether in favor of or against the candidate; or, in other words, that the Lodge itself is the only tribunal to try and determine such objections.

The most recent case in which this question was presented to the Grand Lodge was upon the appeal of Brother A. F. Kelly, from the ruling of the Worshipful Master of John Cutler Lodge (page 71, Proceedings of 1875). In that case a majority of the committee of the Lodge reported that the objections were *not* sustained; which report was accepted. At a meeting held three months later, the Worshipful Master ordered a *new* ballot, which was taken, and the candidate declared rejected. Upon appeal from the ruling of the Worshipful Master and the action of the Lodge the Grand Lodge sustained the appeal, declaring that the ruling of the Worshipful Master, ordering a second ballot, was null and void. The committee of the Grand Lodge

in presenting their report upon the case, say that they "consider that the fundamental principles of Masonic law and usage were fully satisfied by the appointment of the Committee of Investigation, and that their report, when accepted by the Lodge, should be final."

It would thus seem that this question has been practically determined by preceding Grand Masters, and that their judgment has been solemnly affirmed by the Grand Lodge. From these adjudications it appears that the Lodge in which an objection under Section 7 is made, is the proper forum for the trial of such objection, and that its determination thereof, at least in the absence of extraordinary circumstances, is to be considered as final. It follows, therefore, that the request of the petitioners in the present case, that this matter shall be reheard, with the view, possibly, of a reversal of the decision of Caleb Butler Lodge, should *not* be granted; and, accordingly, your committee recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

EDWARD AVERY,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation that the prayer of the petition be not granted, and the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, was confirmed by vote of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on By-Laws made report as follows: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, SEPT. 12, 1877.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master:—

The Committee on By-laws, having attended to their duty, report:—

That the amendments submitted by

SAINT MARTIN'S LODGE, Chatham,

WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE, Saugus,

TUSCAN LODGE, Lawrence,

MASSACHUSETTS LODGE, Boston,

JOSEPH WARREN LODGE, Boston,

are in accord with Masonic law and usage, and their approval is recommended.

The full codes from MARINE LODGE, Falmouth, and OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, Millbury, have been examined, and with a few changes made by the Committee in OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, and description of seal being furnished by MARINE LODGE, we recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. SALMON,

THOMAS W. DAVIS,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

On motion of R.W. Charles A. Welch, it was *Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed to consider and report as to the expediency of preparing a Digest of Masonic Law, and the Regula-

tions of this Grand Lodge relating to subordinate Lodges, for the use of the Craft.

The Grand Master appointed as such committee, R.W. Brothers Charles A. Welch, Sereno D. Nickerson, and Tracy P. Cheever.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson stated that the head-stone at the grave of R.W. Henry Price, our first Grand Master, was badly broken, and crumbling to dust; and deeming that the spot where his remains rested should be commemorated by a suitable monument, erected by this Grand Lodge, moved that a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars be placed in the hands of the Board of Directors to be used for this purpose. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

R.W. Bro. Nickerson, in behalf of W. Bro. Henry J. Parker, presented to the Grand Lodge three old autograph letters: one from Benjamin Russell, afterwards Grand Master, dated at Boston, Sept. 23, 1804, and directed to Hon. Timothy Bigelow, at Worcester, who was the next year elected Grand Master. The letter relates to Masonic matters, particularly as connected with the Grand Chapter. The second is from Josiah Quincy, Sen., dated at Washington, D. C., Feb. 4, 1809, and also directed to Hon. Timothy Bigelow, enclosing a communication to the Grand Master,

and requesting him to forward it. The third is from Bro. Gov. Christopher Gore, is dated Jan. 24, 1810, and is directed to Hon. Timothy Bigelow, House of Representatives, being an invitation to dine with him that day at three o'clock.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to W. Bro. Parker for these old letters, and the Grand Secretary will see that they are safely placed among the valuable papers of the Grand Lodge.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM at twenty-five minutes past three o'clock. P. M., with prayer by W. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

SEPTEMBER 17, A. L. 5877.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Monday, the seventeenth day of September, A. L. 5877, A. D. 1877, for the purpose of dedicating the Army and Navy Monument, erected upon Boston Common by the City of Boston, in accordance with the following invitation from the City Government:—

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY HALL, July 9, 1877.

DEAR SIR, — In behalf of the Joint Special Committee of the City Council on Army and Navy Monument I most respectfully request the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to dedicate the Monument on Boston Common on the 17th September next.

Very respectfully yours,

FRANCIS THOMPSON,

Chairman.

PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Master.

The Grand Master having accepted the invitation to dedicate the Monument, the following notice was sent to each officer and permanent member of the Grand Lodge:—

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON, August 27, 1877.

The Grand Master has accepted an invitation from the City of Boston to dedicate the Army and Navy Monument, on Boston Common, September 17, 1877.

The Grand Master requests your *punctual* attendance at Masonic Temple, on Monday, September 17, at 9.30 o'clock, A.M., to assist in the service. As the City of Boston furnishes carriages for a limited number, it is absolutely necessary that you should notify the Grand Secretary if you can be present. Only those will be provided for who signify their intention to be present on or before September 5th.

By order of the Grand Master.

CHARLES H. TITUS,
Grand Secretary.

N.B. Dark clothes, black silk hats, and white gloves required.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. EDWARD AVERY . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN McCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER . . .	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R.W. SETH C. AMES . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 3.
R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 4.
R.W. WILLIAM C. MAXWELL . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 5.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 6.

R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 7.
R.W. HENRY M. HUMPHREY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 8.
R.W. JOHN A. HALL . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 10.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 11.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 12.
R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 14.
R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 15.
R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 16.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 17.
W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D. }	Grand Chaplains.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG . . . }	
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN . . . }	Grand Lecturers.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY . . . }	
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS . . . }	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. HENRY STEPHENSON . . . }	
W. Z. L. BICKNELL . . .	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON . . .	Grand Pursuivant.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE . . .	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME . . .	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON . . .	" " "
R.W. REV. E. M. P. WELLS . . .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN . . .	" " " "
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING . . .	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM W. BAKER . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON . . .	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES KIMBALL . . .	" " "
R.W. HENRY ENDICOTT . . .	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. . .	" " "

R.W. PETER C. JONES	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL . . .	“ “ “
R.W. IVORY H. POPE	“ “ “
R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR	“ “ “
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	“ “ “
R.W. CHARLES G. REED	“ “ “
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL . . .	“ “ “

BRETHREN PRESENT AS GUESTS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

M.W. EDWARD P. BURNHAM, Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

M.W. CHARLES R. CUTLER, Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island.

R.W. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

R.W. CLINTON F. PAIGE, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York.

W. ALBERT P. MORIARTY, Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at forty minutes past nine o'clock, A. M., with prayer by W. Brother Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced that carriages, provided by the city, were in waiting for the Grand Lodge. He also informed the Grand Lodge that Right Eminent Rev. Henry W. Rugg, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, had very courteously offered the Grand Commandery and its subordinates as escort to the Grand Lodge, and would detail Boston Commandery as a body-guard for the Grand Master. This offer he had accepted. The Grand Lodge

and its escort would form a part of the Fifth Division, of which R. W. General Samuel C. Lawrence was Chief Marshal.

At ten o'clock, A. M., the Brethren of the Grand Lodge were conducted to the carriages by the Grand Marshal, the Grand Master with his Deputy occupying the rear carriage, the carriage next in front of him containing the Grand Chaplains, with the three Great Lights in Freemasonry on the seat before them.

The Grand Lodge, with its large Templar escort and Boston Commandery, numbering about 200 Knights as body-guard of the Grand Master, formed a brilliant and imposing part of the immense procession, which, by official count, numbered 25,429. The Grand Commandery and 14 of its subordinate Commanderies, forming the escort and body-guard of the Grand Lodge, numbered 1,293 Knights, with 13 bands, numbering 306 musicians, — making in all 1,599 men.

The route of the procession was six miles in extent. The head of the column started at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock, A. M. The Grand Lodge arrived at the Monument at twenty minutes past five o'clock, P. M.

After music by Colt's Band, of Hartford, Conn., prayer was offered by Brother Rev. Warren H.

Cudworth, the Chaplain of the day. The sculptor, Brother Martin Milmore, surrendered the Monument to the Hon. Francis Thompson, of the Board of Aldermen, Chairman of the Monument Committee, who officially requested the Grand Master to dedicate the same in the words following:—

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:—

Six years ago at this time the corner-stone of yonder Monument was laid, with imposing ceremonies, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In the mean time the Monument has been constructed, and now the designer and builder surrenders it to the city as completed.

The committee in charge were desirous it should receive the Masonic ceremonies of dedication, agreeably to ancient custom, and respectfully invited you and your Fraternity to be present on this occasion.

Permit me, in behalf of the committee, to thank you, sir, and your Fraternity, for the noble manner in which you have responded to the call, by the full attendance of the Brethren of the Order.

I have now to request that you will perform, as far as the limited time will permit, those services according to Masonic usages.

The Grand Master responded:—

From time immemorial it has been the custom of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, when requested so to do, to lay, with ancient forms, the corner-stones of buildings to be erected for the worship of God, for charitable

objects, for the purposes of the administration of justice and free government, and to consecrate such public monuments as are of patriotic and common interest to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

This Monument, therefore, we may consecrate in accordance with our law, and thus, while testifying our respect for the City of Boston, and our appreciation of the patriotic dead whose released spirits, we believe, now hover near, we shall proceed in accordance with ancient usage.

And as the first duty of Masons, in any undertaking, is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect upon their work, we will now unite with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

. INTRODUCTORY PRAYER BY W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG,
GRAND CHAPLAIN.

O Thou, most high, most holy, we confess Thy greatness and Thy power.

We hail this auspicious day, — day of liberty, day of manifold memories of loyal and heroic deeds and deaths.

Now that we are about to dedicate this Monument, erected to commemorate the patriotic dead, we invoke Thy favor on the services and ceremonies of this hour.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. We sought Thy blessing when the foundation was laid; be with us now, O our God, and accept and establish the work of our hands; and may this structure stand complete, a grateful and affecting memorial throughout all generations.

Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

After the use of the Square, Level, and Plumb, according to ancient form, the Grand Master, striking the Monument three times with the gavel, said: —

Well made — well proved — true and trusty. This undertaking has been conducted and completed by the Craftsmen according to the grand plan, in Peace, Harmony, and Brotherly Love.

The Deputy Grand Master received from the Grand Marshal the vessel of Corn, and, pouring the Corn, said: —

May the health of the community, which has executed this undertaking be preserved, and may the Supreme Grand Architect bless and prosper its labors.

The Grand Marshal presented the Cup of Wine to the Senior Grand Warden, who poured the Wine, saying: —

May plenty be vouchsafed to the people of this ancient city, and may the blessing of the Bounteous Giver of all things attend all its philanthropic and patriotic undertakings.

The Grand Marshal presented the Cup of Oil to the Junior Grand Warden, who poured the Oil, saying: —

May the Supreme Ruler of the World preserve this people in Peace, and grant to them the enjoyment of every blessing.

The W. Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., Grand Chaplain, offered the following invocation and prayer of consecration:—

INVOCATION.

May Corn, Wine, and Oil, and all the necessities of life, abound among men throughout the world; and that this structure may long remain in the Beauty and Strength of the Brotherly Love for the departed, to whose memory it is now to be consecrated, let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

Almighty God, who rulest and commandest all things, we present ourselves before Thee to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for that Thou heardest us when we called in our trouble, and didst not cast out our prayer which we made to Thee in our great distress; that Thou didst mercifully look upon us and command a deliverance; for which we do now give all praise and glory to Thy holy name.

We bless Thee, who makest wars to cease, that the bugle-call is heard no more, that the battle-smoke has lifted, that the clash of sabres has ceased, and the roar of guns is hushed.

Now, O Lord, from the ocean which washes the eastern shores of North and South alike, to the ocean which washes our western cliffs, make us one people in heart and spirit. Preserve and honor the flag which floats over this undivided land. Under it, grant, Thou Ruler of nations, that this whole people may live in peace, harmony, and brotherly love; and that this nation, purified by the trial of fire which Thou didst see was necessary, may stand before Thee in beauty and strength.

We thank Thee that Thou didst keep fresh in the heart of

this grateful city the memory of its heroes, and that, therefore, it would build into stone, so that all men might see, their honor for the dead.

We bless Thee that Thou didst give this pictured beauty to the artist's thought and this wondrous skill to the artist's hand.

Gladly do we remember before Thee that these foundations were laid in no spirit to perpetuate remembrance of fratricidal strife or of triumph over men, but were laid to honor the memory of patriotic devotion to the flag of our whole country, and, to that end, of brave self-sacrifice, even unto death.

We praise Thee that by the achievements of such men Thou didst reestablish our National Union; didst proclaim liberty throughout the land; didst confirm the Constitution which our fathers wrote.

And now, O God, to remember these things, and these men, and for those who builded this Monument, in honor of the men who builded anew a nation, have we come to consecrate this stone.

Well made, well proved, builded according to Thine eternal laws, Great Architect of the Universe, approve it, we beseech Thee.

Bless this stone, O heavenly Father —

In honor of mothers who bade their sons do brave deeds :

In honor of wives who wept for the husbands who should never come home again :

In honor of children whose heritage is their fallen father's heroic name :

In honor of men and women who ministered to the hurt and the dying :

But chiefly, O God, in honor of men who counted not their lives dear when their country needed them; of those alike who sleep beside the dust of their kindred, or under the salt sea, or

in nameless graves where only Thine angels stand sentinels till the reveille of the resurrection morning.

Preserve it, we pray, in the years to come ; in heat and cold, in snows and rains, in seed-times and harvests. Let it endure, that the men who see it, in the coming generations, may be inspired to know that honor is more than wealth, right is more than peace, and heroic death more than life.

These praises do we render Thee, and these petitions do we offer Thee, in the name of Him who passed through his Gethsemane and suffered upon Calvary. Amen.

The Grand Master made the following address: —

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER, PERCIVAL LOWELL
EVERETT.

The ancient society of Freemasons, locally represented by the Grand Lodge administering its affairs within the territorial jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, in conformity to the teachings of its own history and traditions, and in unison with all ranks and orders of citizens, appears to-day, at the request of the municipal authorities of the capital city, to participate in, and, if possible, to heighten the impressive services of this commemoration. The guild or craft of Freemasons is historically known, not only by its age, but by its distinctive character and qualities, by its nearly all-pervading reach through the various races and forms of civilizations, and its connection at all times with the conditions of the civil and social fabric. In the early periods of European society its members were educated and practical constructors, builders of the grand

cathedrals and other structures whose massive proportions and architectural fitness still remain to mark the skill in art of those who laid their foundations and raised them to shapes of beauty and grace. Under the influences of time and the general progress and elevation of society, the constructive or operative character of the Masons as builders was so far modified that they became a philosophical, charitable, and social Body, whose office was not the building of a physical structure, but the grander edifice of human character.

The practice of building — the exercise of the constructive arts upon those edifices and creations of their skill, which were intimately connected, sometimes with religious worship and instruction, and sometimes with the more general intellectual, moral, and social advancement of the people — naturally led our ancestors in operative Masonry into those careful conservatisms of habit, thought, and feeling which became organic in the structure of their society. They thus early learned to do their work so that it should last, — to build even against time itself. It would seem to have been indeed a prime necessity that the imposing structures which had been reared at such a lavish expenditure of thought, of money, and of labor, should not be subject to the obvious perils of revolutionary or turbulent social conditions, to the vicissitudes of a shifting or inconstant government, or to the operation of arbitrary or unequal laws. If these lofty temples were to live out their long day of glory, they must be brooded under the serene and steady influences of a settled and permanent system of government and law. The transition, then, of our early Brethren from the practical or operative to a philosophic mode of existence and exercise, though a gradual, was

an easy one. They become in like degree—and certainly not without the consenting will of all others interested in the erection and maintenance of a true government—*builders* of the State,—constructors of the fabric of society. As in the practice of their operative art they had been led to aim at permanence, so, in the higher construction of a Commonwealth, would they perhaps more readily learn to broaden the foundations and more truly to adjust the proportions of the superstructure of government. For here was the temple in which should be enshrined all human hopes and interests,—everything pertaining to man which could be entrusted to law and civil guardianship, or be promoted by social regulations. The Brethren recognized the value of *stability*, of *certainty* in the direction of human affairs, as in that of natural forces. They acquired the wisdom of adherence to settled ways and methods of administration, and of changing slowly. These were lessons of their own organization, and were applied to the structure or system of civil government. Hence, and almost by organic necessity, they came to regard *loyalty* as a principle,—or the idea of entire devotion to the existing government,—as one of the corner-stones of the Masonic structure, and to esteem the fostering care and providence of the *State*, the aspirations its people for a regulated freedom, the earnest struggle and endeavor of good men for public advancement and development; the austere glory of arms and the serener glory of arts, as subjects nearest the practical concern and duty of the citizen. It was enough for them to consider that, through the instrumentality of a rightly constituted State, as by a divine ordination, there would be most surely attained the largest individual liberty consistent with the general good, the

coördination of personal and public obligations with personal and public rights, the most expansive freedom of opinion, and consequently the most generous toleration; and that to these would be added the largest opportunities for the development of all the faculties of manhood and the security of personal happiness.

To be loyal, therefore, to the State, as, in the best sense, a *divine* constitution, was simply to be faithful to God. In both instances the allegiance involved the offering of personal service and property, and of life itself. Each constituent member, upon whom rested the obligations, and to whom was pledged the protection of the State, was to serve its interests as for his chiefest good, and alike for life or death. It was no servile obligation, no mere subjection of the weak to the strong, like the slavery of the feudal investiture, but the devotion of a free and interested manhood. The principle of loyalty was subject to all human vicissitudes, but in proportion to its growth and vigor in the ranks of the governed would be the asserting, the aggressive, as well as the defensive, power of the government,—its strength for war and peace. And it may be justly said that through the entire era of modern history a constant and unvarying subjection or devotion to the State and government, under whatsoever sky it has held its Lodge, has never been wanting to the Masonic Body.

The part taken by the Fraternity in the establishment of our American State in the initiation and accomplishment of the Revolution, the adoption of the Constitution, and the organization of the Federal government, is doubtless known to most of those who listen to me. Our Brethren, at once depressed and aroused by political wrongs, suffered by them

in common with their fellow-citizens, as colonial subjects of Great Britain, were among the first to feel the sharp promptings of resistance, and to be inflamed by the sacred fires of revolt. It was, perhaps, more notable that they should array themselves in the posture of revolution against the existing government, and assume the perils of the position, since, as subordinates of the dominant Masonic authority of the mother-country, they had suffered no Masonic wrongs or oppressions, but had ever maintained the closest and most serene relations of fraternity with their English Brethren. Nevertheless, the principle of loyalty, leading in this exceptional instance, although by the same logical deductions, to the *overthrow* rather than to the *preservation* of the government whose functions and uses had oppressed instead of serving the people, induced our illustrious brothers, Washington, Franklin, Otis, Warren, Revere, and their associates, to cast their lives into the scale of a new and assuredly doubtful cause. The revolutionary and constitutional fathers, who, through the fires and hardships of the eight years' struggle in arms, and the scarcely less arduous subsequent struggle for the civil results of the contest, were in large numbers attached to the Fraternity, upholding its organization, ritual, and ceremonies, even through the most strenuous campaigns of the war.

It may not become the proprieties of the occasion to rehearse the special merits, the peculiar instances of devotion to the country, of distinguished Masons, or to consider in detail the services of the entire Fraternity; but I may be indulged in this general allusion to their relation to the inception and prosecution of the revolutionary cause.

From the date of the full triumph of that immortal cause,

and the establishment of the Federal system as its grand effect, until the present hour, the members of our Fraternity have been identified with all the highest interests and aims of the national and state administrations. Knowing, as a Society, neither creed nor dogma in politics or religion, they have contributed, within the capacity of their numbers and influence, to the support and maintenance of the institutions of religion, of philanthropy, of science, and of art. They have interwoven into the fabric of general society — they have incorporated into the very structure of the Commonwealth — the practical doctrines and maxims by which a people, by the forces of organization, have risen to the stature of a well-established State. Often working in the ranks of the humblest service, they have also often illustrated the dignity and elevation of the highest stations. Neither their lofty services nor their lowly duties have been rendered simply because, while they were Masons, they were also citizens, and therefore bound by the commonest ties of mere citizenship to a general allegiance, but because, as Masons, they were individually held by the peculiar force of their Masonic obligation to a special allegiance. The duties and obligations of citizenship thus professed and thus discharged have, therefore, been *functional* with the Craft, — the result of its philosophy and its precepts; the clear and indisputable issue of its practical teachings in the civic life. In no strain of boasting or self-gratulation, and surely with no depreciation of the good works and the good spirit of the masses of patriotic men who were never linked with us in the bonds of this peculiar Brotherhood, I simply assert the truth of history when I declare that the Freemasons of this Commonwealth have never failed in any hour of peace or war in the devotion of life, and all that life holds most dear, to the welfare of the nation and the State, to the glory of their arms and the happiness of their people.

A lesser service they could not have rendered and kept the faith as true and honorable members of the Institution.

When, therefore, the great revolt, the suppression of which finds an opportunity for this day's service, — the uprising of a section against the nation; the conspiracy of a part against the whole, — became manifest to the startled sense of those whose allegiance to a wholesome and beneficent government had never faltered or doubted; and when, in support of that revolt, no oppressions or legitimate causes of revolution could be averred, it was but natural and logical that the conservatism of Masonry should instantly meet, and with corresponding force, any armed resistance to those authorities, which, for the time, represented the divine ordination of government.

Through the long agony from Sumter to Appomattox the members of the Craft, mingling with their patriotic comrades of every rank and order of citizenship, both by birth and adoption, on the land and on the sea, under the glittering insignia of official commission and the humbler badge of enlistment in the ranks, with sword, musket, and spade, with all implements of offence and defence, with high, heroic hearts, more sturdy than sword or shield, achieving the arduous honors of victory, breasting the waves of defeat and repulse, welcoming the tortures of hospital and prison, bore up the banners of the Union, bringing the costly drain of their vital blood, the vigor of youth and manly strength, and the last feeble effort of declining age, as free gifts of the American citizen-soldier upon the nation's altar, until the scarred and tattered ensigns waved in triumph over the restored and ransomed land. They counted the joys of home, the studies, profits, and employments of peace, as nothing in the contemplation of the patriot citizen when set against the stern but

ennobling duties of the hour. While they waged the war inexorably for its results, they sought to mitigate its horrors and asperities. They relieved its features of barbarity without imperilling the vigor of its prosecution. As victors, they were ready for an instant embrace in manly and fraternal arms of the vanquished brother upon his surrender to the old allegiance. Their glory and honor throughout the memorable contest is, indeed, but the glory and honor of every soldier and sailor who gave or offered his life for the sacred cause.

The drama of war is ended ; the discord of battle and civil strife has closed ; and peace returns with her grateful olives.

You have come to commit to faithful memory the record of the service and the devotion of the native and adopted sons of Boston in the stupendous civil war, with whose grandest triumphs and successes they were so nobly and honorably associated. Upon the altars of these dead heroes of the service by land and by sea, and of their comrades, to whom, although as freely offered, the "last full measure of devotion" was not permitted, the Institution, which I have the pleasure officially to represent, with thoughtful reverence brings its choicest garlands of honor and gratitude. With the pomp of ancient rite and ceremony, it bestows upon this lofty material symbol of their sacrifice and patriotism its consecration and benediction. Well may the proud city of their love, with the matured grace of a long-meditated affection, in clustering and radiant forms of the sculptor's art, crystallize for the eyes of posterity their life-work and its heroic end. To no period of history has the devotion of life to the cause of country, or to lesser causes, been wanting.

But the subjects of this day's honor went forth to the gage of battle, not to conquer, but to save, and to save even their

enemies. They understood all the issues of the controversy, and comprehended all its perils. They well knew what the American system of constitutional government had wrought in less than a century for one race, and what it promises to do for all races. Out of the fires of war and death they rescued that system. Never in the annals of time has been recorded a higher, a nobler consecration. Monuments can scarcely heighten its significance. History, with its stately record of their achievements, the lyric muse, chanting their praises in immortal song, and sculpture, weaving in its embroidery of beauty and grace their deeds of heroism, are but voices of the universal heart pronouncing the common eulogy. Under the inevitable wastes of time, the Monument you now rear, as one of the columns of their glory, may crumble ; but after that vicissitude, the *city*, the *land*, and every *rood of enlightened earth* shall bear them witness. Surely no land ever took back into its grateful bosom a treasure like these dead children of the city and nation. Unshrouded as they lie in their unknown sepulchres of valor, they are buried in the heart of the nation. Garnered in the affections of the whole people, they abide in the gratitude of the present, and shall subsist in the reverting memories of all coming generations. Their mouldering bodies have become constituent parts of the ransomed soil ; their radiant spirits have been lifted to the incorporeal essence of the renovated government.

For the future of the land of our love, there can be no loftier aspiration than that which to-day fills the breast of the ancient Fraternity of Masonry, namely, that for this high sacrifice, for the consecration of these heroes of Boston, — these heroes of America, — there must be exacted and received the fullest satisfaction, the most complete resulting equivalents. The land which they saved must be made and kept wholly worth the

saving. The authority of the Federal Government within its limits, and of the States within theirs, must be clear and exclusive, without conflict or dispute. The tyranny, the selfishness, and the corruptions of party must make way for the return of pure and incorruptible administration through all the avenues of government, in every department and sphere of its operation. Honesty, with her plain rigors, must revisit the soil, and pervade every fibre of the national being. The desolations of the war must disappear, the waste places must be rebuilt, and the sorer wounds of the affections must be healed. All the forces of public and social law and opinion must combine to the issue of a grand *equality* of citizenship, with no subordination under public or legislative decree, of any race or order, of any sect or party. There must be a loyalty, not of external compliance, but of inward affection; a *Union*, not of conforming hands, but of consenting hearts. There must be a return to the loves of the revolutionary days, to the pure glances of those mutual eyes, which, in all sections of the outspread land, shall be blind to every partial interest, and open only to the common cause and the universal good. This full fraternal union of States, this genius of constitutional government, the faith of the fathers, the hope of the nations, the expectation of mankind, — *this* shall be our grand Republic; *this*, our beloved America. With the dust of her slaughtered sons transmuted into gems of purest lustre around her brow, she will resume her majestic march down the pathway of time.

The Grand Master, addressing the Grand Marshal, said:—

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER GRAND MARSHAL, — You will make

proclamation that this Monument has been duly consecrated in accordance with ancient form and usage.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GRAND MARSHAL.

In the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I now proclaim that the Monument here erected by the City of Boston, in memory of our patriotic dead, has this day been found square, level, and plumb, true and trusty, and consecrated according to the ancient forms of Masons.

This Proclamation is made from the EAST, the WEST, the SOUTH — ONCE (Trumpet), TWICE. (Trumpet twice), THRICE (Trumpet thrice). All interested will take due notice thereof.

The Grand Lodge returned to the Masonic Temple, and was closed in AMPLE FORM at thirty minutes past six o'clock, P.M., with prayer, by W. Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D.D., Grand Chaplain.

MEMORANDA.

The following letters by the Grand Master have been forwarded, as directed, in acknowledgment of the escort service rendered to the Grand Master:— . . .

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON, Sept. 26, 1877.

REV. HENRY W. RUGG, *R.E. Grand Commander of the 'Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Providence:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to return my sincere thanks to you, and through you to the officers and members of the Grand Commandery, and to the subordinate commanders, for the magnificent escort furnished the Grand Lodge on the occasion of the consecration of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in this city, on the 17th inst.

It seems to be universally conceded that yours was the most brilliant display in the long procession; and the admirable manner in which your Body was handled is deserving of all praise.

Again thanking you, not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,

I am

Yours truly and fraternally,

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON, Sept. 26, 1877.

SAMUEL MASON, JR., ESQ., *Eminent Commander of Boston Commandery:—*

DEAR SIR,—Will you please accept and convey to the officers and members of Boston Commandery my profound thanks for the special service performed as Guard of Honor to the Grand Lodge on the occasion of the consecration of the

Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in this city, on the 17th inst.?

Without disparaging any other Commandery of Knights Templars, I think it is not out of place for me to say here that I feel proud of the record of Boston Commandery, especially for her noble work during the dark days of Anti-Masonry.

That she may continue in prosperity, harmony, and peace, is the earnest prayer of

Yours truly and fraternally,

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,

Grand Master.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

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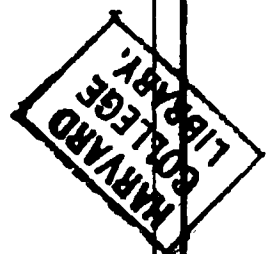
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, GRAND MASTER.
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1878. Feb. 25,
Gift of
Charles H. Titus, of Boston.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

CHARLES A. WELCH,
MASONIC TEMPLE,
BOSTON, MASS.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:

CHARLES H. TITUS,
MASONIC TEMPLE,
BOSTON, MASS.

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Abstract of Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

DECEMBER 12, A. L. 5877.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST
WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COM-
MONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the
Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednes-
day, the twelfth day of December, A. L. 5877,
A. D. 1877.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE . . , .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	as Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
R.W. SETH C. AMES	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 3.
R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 4.
R.W. WILLIAM C. MAXWELL	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 5.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 6.

R. W. SOLON W. STEVENS	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 7.
R.W. HENRY M. HUMPHREY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 8.
R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 9.
R.W. JOHN A. HALL	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 10.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 11.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 12.
R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 14.
R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 15.
R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 16.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 17.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN	} Grand Lecturers.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY	
W. J. FRANCIS LOTTS	
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS	} Junior Grand Stewards.
W. HENRY STEPHENSON	
W. JAMES SWORDS	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. Z. L. BICKNELL	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON	} Grand Pursuivants.
W. BAALIS SANFORD, JR.	
BRO. SOLON W. STEVENS	as Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON	" " "
R.W. LUCIUS R. PAIGE	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN	" " " "
R.W. MARSHALL P. WILDER	" " " "
R.W. BRADFORD L. WALES	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY GODDARD	" " "
R.W. JOEL SPALDING	" " "
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING	" " "

R.W. WILLIAM W. BAKER	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE	" " "
R.W. CHARLES KIMBALL	" " "
R.W. HENRY ENDICOTT	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM T. GRAMMER	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. .	" " "
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL	" " "
R.W. HENRY MULLIKEN	" " "
R.W. IVORY H. POPE	" " "
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	" " "
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL	" " "
R.W. DANIEL UPTON	" " "

BRETHREN ON STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE PRESENT.

W. OTIS E. WELD.	W. HENRY J. PARKER.
W. WARREN B. ELLIS.	W. NATHANIEL GREENE.
W. ALBERT BABBITT.	W. JOEL SEAVERNS.
W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI.	W. SAMUEL WELLS.
W. JOSEPH WINSOR.	BRO. FRANK E. JONES.
BRO. HENRY A. WHITNEY.	

LODGES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

ABERDOUR	James C. Tucker . .	Master.
ALFRED BAYLIES . .	Horatio H. Hall . .	Master.
ALPHA	Charles P. Knowlton .	Master.
	A. J. Lewis	Junior Warden.
	William H. Phipps . .	Proxy.
AMICABLE	William L. Lathrop .	Senior Warden.
AMITY	William O. Hood . .	Junior Warden.
ANCIENT LANDMARK .	William F. Salmon . .	Proxy.
ANCIENT YORK . . .	Arthur G. Pollard . .	Master.
	Charles Runels	Junior Warden.
ARTISAN	Amos S. Lamb	Master.
ASHLER	Jason L. Curtis . . .	Master.
	James S. Wallace . . .	Junior Warden.
ATHELSTAN	Hiram D. Dadmun . .	Master.
ATHOL	Joseph H. Hastings .	Master.

AURORA	Elbridge G. Snow . .	Master.
	David W. Tinsley . .	Senior Warden.
BAALBEC	Thomas Kellough . .	Master.
	Andrew P. Fisher . .	Senior Warden.
BELCHER	James Flint, Jr. . .	Master.
BELMONT	George H. Chenery . .	Master.
BERKSHIRE	Daniel Upton	Proxy.
BETHANY	Alexander Smart . .	Master.
BETHESDA (Brighton)	Horace E. Marion . .	Senior Warden.
	Samuel N. Davenport .	Junior Warden.
BETH-HORON	John E. Hoar	Senior Warden.
BLACKSTONE RIVER .	Charles F. Sisson . .	Master.
	Jeremiah Gatchell . .	Senior Warden.
BLUE HILL	Freeman J. Sawyer . .	Master.
BRISTOL	Arthur E. Coddling . .	Master.
CHARITY	David Howe	Master.
CHARLES A. WELCH . .	John Proudman	Master.
CHARLES C. DAME . .	Samuel F. Malbon . .	Proxy.
CHARLES H. TITUS . .	George H. Rhodes . .	Master.
	Abiathar Doane, Jr. . .	Senior Warden.
	William O. Snow . . .	Junior Warden.
CHARLES RIVER . . .	Charles W. Seavey . .	Master.
	Clark P. Harding . . .	Junior Warden.
CHARLES W. MOORE . .	Joel Joel	Master.
COCHICHEWICK	Charles P. Morrill . .	Master.
COLUMBIAN	Albert A. Folsom . .	Master.
	Frederick Alford . . .	Senior Warden.
CONCORDIA	James A. Lewis	Master.
CONSTELLATION . . .	David L. Hodges . . .	Master.
CORINTHIAN	G. Arthur Gray	Master.
CRESCENT	George C. Dunham . .	Master.
DELTA	John W. Walsh	Master.
	Richard A. Hunt . . .	Junior Warden.
DE WITT CLINTON . .	William A. Nye	Master.
DORIC	Parkman Nourse	Master.
	Edward P. Miles	Senior Warden.
EDEN	George E. Fairbanks . .	Junior Warden.
ELEUSIS	Franklin D. Child . .	Master.
	Samuel A. Bigelow . .	Junior Warden.
ELIOT	Cyrus D. Foss	Master.
	William F. Spear . . .	Senior Warden.
	George M. Carter . . .	Junior Warden.

EUREKA	Ansel G. Baker . . .	Master.
	William T. Soule . . .	Senior Warden.
EVENING STAR	A. Bradley	Master.
EXCELSIOR	George W. Wiggin . . .	Master.
EZEKIEL BATES	Herbert N. Mason . . .	Senior Warden.
	Benjamin P. King . . .	Junior Warden.
FAITH	Benjamin F. Stacey . .	Master.
FELLOWSHIP	Isaac Damon	Master.
	John G. Braman	Junior Warden.
FRANKLIN	Daniel M. Gibbs . . .	Junior Warden.
FRATERNITY	Horatio B. Hackett, Jr.	Master.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	Samuel M. Bedlington . .	Junior Warden.
GERMANIA	H. F. Ehlert	Senior Warden.
GOOD SAMARITAN	William D. Deadman . .	Master.
GRECIAN	Marcus M. Chandler . .	Master.
	John A. Brackett	Senior Warden.
	Luther L. Caufy	Junior Warden.
GREYLOCK	Henry D. Ward	Master.
HAMPDEN	Asher Bartlett	Master.
	Edmund P. Kendrick . .	Junior Warden.
HARMONY	Josiah M. Morrill . . .	Master.
HAYDEN	Josiah Gates	Master.
HENRY PRICE	Ira A. Worth	Senior Warden.
HIRAM	Henry Frost, Jr. . . .	Master.
HOPE	Marcus H. Howe	Master.
HYDE PARK	William H. Ingersoll . .	Master.
IONIC (Taunton)	Arthur B. Atwood . . .	Master.
ISAAC PARKER	Leonard C. Lane	Master.
JAMES OTIS	Freeman H. Lothrop . .	Master.
JOHN ABBOT	George H. Allen	Master.
	Charles J. Richardson . .	Senior Warden.
	Charles F. Sewell	Junior Warden.
JOHN CUTLER	Albert F. Kelly	Master.
	Joseph F. French	Senior Warden.
JOHN HANCOCK	Henry N. Hall	Senior Warden.
JOHN T. HEARD	Nathaniel Shatswell . .	Master.
	Andrew Geyer	Proxy.
JOHN WARREN	Frederick Whittemore . .	Master.
JORDAN	Thomas H. Johnson . . .	Master.
	John C. Jodrey	Senior Warden.
	George Randall	Junior Warden.
JOSEPH WARREN	Albert Babbitt	Master.

JOSEPH WARREN . . .	James M. Gleason . .	Senior Warden.
JOSEPH WEBB . . .	N. Edgar Hollace . .	Master.
	Daniel T. Brigham . .	Senior Warden.
KING CYRUS . . .	William F. Walker . .	Senior Warden.
KING DAVID . . .	Abner Coleman . . .	Master.
KING HIRAM . . .	Artemus P. Hannum . .	Master.
	F. A. H. Gifford . . .	Junior Warden.
KING PHILIP . . .	Edward T. Marvel . .	Master.
	Joseph L. Buffington . .	Senior Warden.
KING SOLOMON . . .	John B. Whitney . . .	Master.
	Alfred C. Hall . . .	Senior Warden.
KONOHASSETT . . .	David Bates . . .	Master.
	Edwin A. Olmsted . . .	Junior Warden.
LAFAYETTE (Boston Highlands) . . .	John O. Smith . . .	Master.
LAFAYETTE (North Adams) . . .	Cyrus F. Linsey . . .	Master.
LIBERTY . . .	Charles Woodberry . .	Master.
	George E. Norris . . .	Senior Warden.
MARINE . . .	George W. Fish . . .	Proxy.
MASSACHUSETTS . . .	Samuel W. Creech, Jr. .	Master.
	George P. Eustis . . .	Junior Warden.
MAY FLOWER . . .	Benjamin F. Tripp . .	Proxy.
MERIDIAN . . .	Silas H. Bent . . .	Master.
	James H. Forbush . . .	Senior Warden.
MERRIMACK . . .	George V. Ladd . . .	Master.
	Dana J. Flanders . . .	Senior Warden.
	Edward H. Tozier . . .	Junior Warden.
MIDDLESEX . . .	George H. Waterman . .	Master.
	Charles W. Coolidge . .	Senior Warden.
	William C. Wight . . .	Junior Warden.
MIZPAH . . .	John S. Sawyer . . .	Senior Warden.
MONITOR . . .	William Shakespeare . .	Senior Warden.
	Nathan Warren . . .	Junior Warden.
MONTACUTE . . .	Reuben J. Tatman . . .	Master.
	George D. Boyden . . .	Senior Warden.
	Jeremiah Swasey . . .	Junior Warden.
MONTGOMERY . . .	Daniel Reed . . .	Master.
MORNING STAR . . .	Albert J. Stone . . .	Master.
MOSAIC . . .	Charles Newhall . . .	Master.
MOUNT HERMON . . .	Darius A. Green . . .	Master.
MOUNT HOLLIS . . .	George L. Sanborn . .	Master.

MOUNT HOPE . . .	John B. Whitaker . .	Master.
	John T. Graham . .	Senior Warden.
	Nathan B. Everett . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT HOREB (Woburn) . . .	Charles H. Buss . .	Master.
MOUNT LEBANON . .	Albert L. Richardson .	Master.
MOUNT MORIAH . .	John M. Mosely . .	Master.
MOUNT OLIVET . .	Samuel Kempton . .	Master.
MOUNT TABOR . . .	Charles G. Brooks . .	Master.
	George F. Blake . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT VERNON . .	William F. Chester . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT ZION . . .	Joseph D. Wadsworth .	Master.
NARRAGANSETT . .	Daniel Stevens . .	Master.
NORFOLK	Edgar H. Bowers . .	Junior Warden.
NORFOLK UNION . .	William H. Alden . .	Junior Warden.
	John H. Field . .	Proxy.
NORTH STAR . . .	Channing F. Grout . .	Master.
	Melvin S. Jones . .	Senior Warden.
	George H. Hooker . .	Junior Warden.
OLD COLONY . . .	Charles T. Burr . .	Master.
	William Cushing . .	Junior Warden.
OLIVE BRANCH . . .	Joseph W. Seagrave . .	Master.
	George J. Dudley . .	Senior Warden.
	Oscar N. Carpenter . .	Junior Warden.
ORANGE	Abijah L. Shattuck . .	Master.
	George A. Drake . .	Senior Warden.
ORIENT	Lewis Smith, Jr. . .	Master.
ORIENTAL	Joseph W. Donaldson .	Proxy.
ORPHAN'S HOPE . .	Thomas H. Humphrey .	Master.
	John M. Whitcomb . .	Junior Warden.
OXFORD	Edward W. Bardwell .	Master.
PAUL DEAN	John H. Swain . .	Master.
PAUL REVERE . . .	John S. Fuller . .	Master.
	John A. Jackson . .	Junior Warden.
PEQUOSSETTE . . .	Robert F. Horne . .	Master.
PHŒNICIAN	Andrew C. Stone . .	Master.
	Andrew Sharpe . .	Senior Warden.
	John Haigh . .	Proxy.
PHŒNIX	Edward McSweeney . .	Master.
PILGRIM	John E. Hamer . .	Master.
	Samuel Moody, Jr. . .	Senior Warden.
PIONEER	John G. Tinkham . .	Proxy.

PLYMOUTH	Henry H. Litchfield . .	Senior Warden.
PURITAN	Edward Keating . .	Master.
	Charles W. Bradbury .	Junior Warden.
PUTNAM	David Wilcox	Master.
	John C. Bullard . .	Senior Warden.
QUINEBAUG	Otis S. Brainard . .	Master.
QUINSIGAMOND . . .	David M. Earle	Master.
	Edward W. Ball . .	Senior Warden.
	Theodore C. Bates . .	Junior Warden.
REPUBLICAN	James R. Long	Senior Warden.
REVERE	Frank T. Dwinell . .	Senior Warden.
RISING STAR	Elmer W. Walker . .	Master.
ROBERT LASH	Franklin O. Barnes . .	Master.
ROSWELL LEE	Charles C. Spellman . .	Master.
RURAL	William G. Sheen . .	Master.
	Fred L. Jones	Senior Warden.
	Warren L. Braddock .	Junior Warden.
SAGGAHEW	Sylvanus P. Gardner .	Junior Warden.
SAINT ALBAN'S	Isaac P. Carpenter . .	Master.
SAINT ANDREW'S . . .	Henry A. Whitney . .	Senior Warden.
	George C. Stearns . .	Junior Warden.
SAINT BERNARD . . .	Lorrell Holman	Master.
SAINT JOHN'S (Boston),	Frederick T. Comee . .	Master.
SAINT JOHN'S		
(Newburyport) . . .	Elisha P. Dodge	Master.
	Dudley T. Batchelder .	Senior Warden.
	William Mahoney . .	Junior Warden.
SAINT MARK'S	Robert G. Sargent . .	Master.
	George W. Creasey . .	Senior Warden.
	Oscar C. Lougee . .	Junior Warden.
SAINT MARTIN'S . . .	Harrison Hamilton . .	Senior Warden.
SAINT PAUL (Ayer) . .	Mowry Lapham	Master.
	Rector T. Bartlett . .	Senior Warden.
	E. Dana Bancroft . .	Proxy.
SAINT PAUL'S		
(South Boston) . . .	James L. Wilson	Master.
	Samuel P. Willis . . .	Junior Warden.
SILOAM	Henry Jackson	Master.
SIMON W. ROBINSON . .	James E. Crone	Junior Warden.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE . .	A. C. Slater	Master.
	Orville P. Seagrave . .	Senior Warden.
	T. C. Ball	Junior Warden.

SPENCER	Isaac Niles	Master.
STAR IN THE EAST . .	Ezekiel C. Gardner . .	Master.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM .	Frederick L. Cutting .	Master.
	John P. Payson	Junior Warden.
STARR KING	Albert B. Russell . . .	Senior Warden.
	Lewis Hunt	Junior Warden.
TEMPLE	Thomas A. Hutchins . .	Senior Warden.
TUSCAN	William Fisher	Master.
UNION (Nantucket) . .	Henry Paddock	Junior Warden.
UNION (Dorchester) .	Otis Eddy	Senior Warden.
WARREN	William Smeath	Master.
WASHINGTON	Solomon A. Bolster . .	Master.
	John Carr	Junior Warden.
WILLIAM NORTH . . .	Crawford Burnham . .	Master.
	Elisha H. Shaw	Senior Warden.
WILLIAM PARKMAN . .	Thomas S. Spurr	Senior Warden.
WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	Albert H. Sweetser . .	Master.
	George C. Stewart . . .	Senior Warden.
WINSLOW LEWIS . . .	John A. Conkey	Senior Warden.
WYOMING	William A. Remick . .	Master.
	Fred R. Cutler	Junior Warden.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, P.M., with prayer by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing.

The records of the Quarterly Communication of September 12, 1877, and of the Special Communication September 17, 1877, were approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

Amendments to By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and were referred to the Committee on By-Laws:—

ZETLAND, Boston.
ARTISAN, Winchendon.

MYSTIC, Pittsfield.
DE WITT CLINTON, Sandwich.

PEQUOSSETTE, Watertown.
ELIOT, Jamaica Plain.

ROSWELL LEE, Springfield.
KONOHASSETT, Cohasset.

Proxies from the following Lodges were presented, and the Brethren therein named were recognized accordingly: —

ALPHA LODGE, South Framingham, in favor of W. BRO. WILLIAM H. PHIPPS.

MARINE LODGE, Falmouth, in favor of BRO. GEORGE W. FISH.

NORFOLK UNION LODGE, Randolph, in favor of BRO. JOHN H. FIELD.

ORIENTAL LODGE, Edgartown, in favor of BRO. JOSEPH W. DONALDSON.

BERKSHIRE LODGE, South Adams, in favor of R.W. BRO. DANIEL UPTON.

The Recording Grand Secretary submitted the petition of George E. Wilson, of Brockton, for formal healing, and it was referred to the Committee on Healing.

The petition of C. G. Carr, formerly of Blackstone River Lodge, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, was presented and referred to the Committee on Healing.

The Grand Master read his Annual Report.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE: — In rendering to you my annual account, it affords me great pleasure to say, that the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction are enjoying peace and harmony.

It is my painful duty to announce to you the sudden death of our R.W. Bro. William J. Sawin, Past Senior Grand Warden, who, from the time he entered the Institution till the time of his death, was one of the most devoted, zealous, and beloved Brothers in the State. I have been unable to obtain sufficient information, in consequence of his very recent decease, to give here a history of his life; but the committee to whom the matter was referred will, I trust, report this afternoon.

FINANCES.

The Grand Treasurer's books show the following

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$807 81
Home Savings Bank	10,000 00
Third National Bank note	12,000 00
Winslow Lewis Lodge note	1,500 00
District Deputy Grand Masters	28,648 75
Rents, taxes, gas, and heating	26,359 12
Dispensation, Charters, and Lodges under Dispensation	330 00
Tenants, for heat	255 00
Rebate of interest on note Third National Bank . .	82 50
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	79,983 18
Less cash on hand	16,169 87
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	\$63,813 31

PAYMENTS.

Interest on the debt	\$20,716 62
Note Third National Bank, Dec. 14, 1876	5,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 17, 1877	12,000 00
“ St. John's Lodge	3,500 00
Insurance	375 00
Taxes	5,581 91
Expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters . .	1,755 27
“ “ Grand Officers	20 10
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Carried forward,	\$48,948 90

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$48,948 90
Printing and diplomas	1,664 92
Furniture, regalia, and repairs on the Temple, including cost of new dressing-room	797 42
Heating, gas, salary of engineer, water, and repairs on boiler and engine	3,290 21
Care of the Temple, including salaries of superintendent and assistant	2,381 01
Salary of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary	3,000 00
Expenses celebration of Feast of St. John and Centennial of Declaration of Independence	930 25
Charity	1,500 00
Grand Tyler	75 85
Ice	30 00
Annual donations	200 00
Expense of Trial Commissioners	292 50
Flowers, funeral of R.W. Bro. Danforth	45 00
Clerk-hire, copying and engrossing	657 25
Total	\$63,813 31

Present indebtedness of the Grand Lodge is as follows:—

Mortgage to Provident Institution for Savings	\$250,000 00
Note to Home Savings Bank	10,000 00
Notes to Masonic Bodies	35,550 00
Total	\$295,550 00
Deduct cash on hand	\$16,169 87
rents uncollected	454 22
	<u>\$16,624 09</u>
The net indebtedness is	\$278,925 91
Showing a reduction during the past year of	\$12,055 80

This is the financial report of the Directors.

In accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge I submit a statement of the expenses of the quarterly meetings of the District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturers during the past year:—

December, 1876	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$99 50
March, 1877	.	.	.	.	.	.	104 50
June, 1877	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 25
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$274 25</u>

For the year ending August 31, 1877, the Lodges report the number of initiates to be 1,035, and the number of members 26,226. The present number of chartered Lodges is 219, and there are 2 under Dispensation.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

I have granted the following Dispensations for new Lodges, and appointed the Brethren named as Masters and Wardens. Each of the petitions for Dispensation was recommended by the Lodge situated nearest to the place where the new Lodge was to be located, and was countersigned by the District Deputy Grand Master having jurisdiction.

MUMFORD RIVER Lodge, East Douglas. (Thirty petitioners.)

ANDREW J. THAYER	.	.	Master.
NOAH H. JONES	.	.	Senior Warden.
JOHN MCARTHUR, JR.	.	.	Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted January 25, 1877; returnable at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1878.

SAINT GEORGE LODGE, Campello. (Twenty petitioners.)

H. N. P. HUBBARD	.	.	Master.
WILLIAM RICHARDS	.	.	Senior Warden.
H. A. MONK	.	.	Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted February 14, 1877; returnable at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1878.

SPECIAL WARRANTS.

Special Warrants have been issued as follows: —

To R.W. William F. Salmon, Past Grand Warden, to install into his office R.W. Bro. Solon W. Stevens, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 7.

To R.W. Henry Chickering, Past Grand Warden, to install into his office R.W. Bro. Hezekiah S. Russell, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 9.

To R.W. Theodore N. Foque, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 17, to formally heal Elisha Stone, of North Cambridge, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication in December, 1876.

To R.W. Abraham G. Hart, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 14, to formally heal Frank De Caro, of Fall River, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication in December, 1876.

To R.W. Rev. David Trumbull, D.D., District Deputy Grand Master for Chili, to constitute Huelen Lodge, of Santiago, Chili, S. A., and install its officers.

To R.W. John A. Hall, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 10, to formally heal Albert Raymond Rice, of Springfield, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in June, 1877.

RETURNS MADE ON SPECIAL WARRANTS.

By returns made on the foregoing Special Warrants, it appears: —

That R.W. Solon W. Stevens was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master, within the body of Kilwinning Lodge, at Lowell, on Friday, the 26th day of January, 1877, by R.W. William F. Salmon.

That R.W. Hezekiah S. Russell was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master, within the body of Crescent Lodge, at Pittsfield, on Monday, the 15th day of January, 1877, by R.W. Henry Chickering.

That Elisha Stone was formally healed by taking upon himself the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, administered in solemn form by R.W. Theodore N. Foque, within the body of Charity Lodge, at North Cambridge, on Monday, the 5th day of February, 1877.

That Frank De Caro was formally healed by taking upon himself the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, administered in solemn form under the supervision of R.W. Abraham G. Hart, within the body of King Philip Lodge, at Fall River, on Tuesday, the 27th day of February, 1877.

That Huelen Lodge was constituted and its officers installed in a Deputy Grand Lodge, opened at Santiago, Chili, S. A., by R.W. Rev. David Trumbull, D.D., Deputy Grand Master, with a full corps of Deputy Grand Officers, in August, 1877.

That Albert Raymond Rice was formally healed by taking upon himself the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, administered in solemn form by R.W. John A. Hall, within the body of Roswell Lee Lodge, at Springfield, on Saturday, the 23d day of June, 1877.

It may not be improper for me to rehearse some of the interesting events that have occurred during the period of my Grand Mastership (a centennial period, if I may so call it), and point out some of the features that have inured to the welfare of the Grand Lodge,—not that I claim the credit, but as showing that I pass the affairs of the Grand Lodge to my successor in as good a state of efficiency as I received them from my predecessor.

TRIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Among the leading incidents of my official term the establishment of the new system of trials for Masonic offences must be noticed. This subject was first brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge by a resolution adopted at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1875. It was referred to a committee, who, after mature consideration, presented a plan by which all Masonic offences occurring in this jurisdiction, and which were previously tried by the Lodges, should be tried before commissioners of ability and impartiality, who should be Past or Presiding Masters. Inasmuch as this method of trial involved an important amendment to the Grand Constitutions, it was referred to a committee of learned and eminent Brethren, and as by them amended, after the most careful consideration, received the sanction of the Grand Lodge by a very emphatic majority.

Under the requirements of the amended Constitution which established the system, I took great pains to appoint (as the commissioners by which the new plan was to be inaugurated) five Brethren of the highest qualifications at my command for such a service.

Several cases, such as otherwise would have necessarily been brought before the Lodges for trial, have accordingly been heard and considered by the Commissioners of Trials. The success of the new method of trial and its just and beneficent practical object seems to me too clear and obvious for doubt, so that the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in this regard has been amply vindicated.

RITUAL.

During the three years that I had the honor of occupying the position of Deputy Grand Master, under Grand Master Nickerson, it became necessary that I should accompany him in his numerous visitations from Cape Cod and Cape Ann to Berkshire Hills. I thus attained much insight into the state of affairs generally throughout the jurisdiction. The universal complaint was the want of uniformity in the work; changes were constantly made, and finally, at the time of my election as Grand Master, three years ago, there were hardly two Lodges in the State working alike. I determined to correct such a state of things, and after my installation I appointed a large and experienced committee to endeavor to restore the Ritual to its original purity. What has been the result? Throughout the jurisdiction the Lodges are working with the greatest uniformity, and vie with each other as to who can work with the greatest excellence.

TRESTLE-BOARD.

No Trestle-Board had ever been prepared by the Grand Lodge, and I therefore appointed a committee (the same to whom was referred the matter of the Ritual) to prepare one for the use of the Grand Lodge, or any Mason who might desire to possess one. They also prepared an Installation Service, Dedication Service, and Burial Service, all of which were accepted by the Grand Lodge, and more or less of them are in all the Lodges in the jurisdiction.

I should fail in the performance of my duty, as well as disobey the promptings of my heart, did I not extend to these Brethren my profound thanks. Nothing within my recollection has conduced so much to the benefit of the Fraternity.

CENTENNIALS.

Time would fail me should I here attempt any extended review of the special occasions of this Centennial period in which the Grand Lodge participated.

On Tuesday, June 17, 1875, a Special Communication was held at the Temple, in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of our illustrious Past Grand Master, Maj.-Gen. Joseph Warren. Upon this day we formed a part of the great military and civic procession under the auspices of the City of Boston and Bunker Hill Monument Association, constituting one of the most imposing pageants ever seen upon this Continent. The details and incidents of this anniversary must long abide in the memory, for they seem to express the tribute of a country to the memory of Grand Master Warren.

On the 3d of July, 1875, the Grand Lodge again assembled in Special Communication, for the purpose of a due observance of the anniversary of the day when, one hundred years ago, our illustrious Brother, General George Washington, assumed command of the colonial forces under the old elm-tree at Cambridge,—forces which he thenceforth led until the Revolution was accomplished. By invitation of the municipal authorities of the city of Cambridge, the Grand Lodge united with them in celebrating the day, and at the dinner the Grand Master responded to a sentiment in honor of the Grand Lodge in an address, which was printed with the proceedings of the year.

Our Centennial day, the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge, occurred on the 8th day of March last, and was commemorated by special and extended ceremonies, the record of which has so recently

been spread before you that perhaps no further reference to the occasion should be made.

A slight allusion to the most recent public celebration, in which the Grand Lodge has just taken part, may be pardoned. This was the dedication, under the auspices and by invitation of the City of Boston, of the monument erected in honor of the soldiers and sailors who fell in the recent war for the maintenance of the Union. The circumstances of this celebration are too fresh to need recital. The Grand Lodge performed its Masonic duty on this occasion as fully as circumstances permitted, and rendered its tribute to the memory of the heroic dead with patriotic pride and satisfaction.

DEATH OF DR. LEWIS.

Among the shining lights which during my term of office have passed from the horizon of this Grand Lodge, I cannot fail to advert to the overshadowing loss sustained by the entire Fraternity in the death of Winslow Lewis, on the 3d day of August, 1875. In broken accents of affectionate grief we expressed—alas, how inadequately!—our sense of a bereavement which was then scarcely to be measured. The softening and reconciling hand of time has not lifted the sorrow from our hearts. The genial and noble Brother has almost taken away our affections, and hid them in the grave where he lies buried from our sight. Only by the close eye of faith can we behold him as he now lives, translated above the mists and the sorrows of earth. Let his life and his record as a Mason abide with us, for its reproof, for its correction, and, above all, for its good cheer. In all our organic life, in the grandeur of our Ritual, in the lessons of our history, in our social and

personal joys and sorrows it was ever our delight to bid our departed Brother, Hail! It cannot be this Masonic generation that shall bid him farewell! And now, Brethren, before closing, I desire to express my thanks to the Deputy Grand Master, who, notwithstanding the engrossing engagements of his professional affairs, has never, in a single instance, allowed anything to interfere with his duties to the Grand Lodge, either in his capacity as Deputy Grand Master or as a member of the Board of Directors.

My three years of close relationship with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary have endeared them to my heart. They are Brethren who honor their stations, and that they may long be spared in the continuance of their labors is my earnest prayer.

My especial thanks are due to the District Deputy Grand Masters who have so ably and promptly discharged their duties, and I here publicly thank them for the great service they have rendered me. Permit me also to return my thanks to the Grand Marshal, who has never failed to accompany me in the discharge of my duties, and who has always performed the duties of his important station, whether in the Grand Lodge or on other Masonic occasions, with dignity and in a most admirable manner.

The time has arrived when I must bid you, and through you every Mason in the State, an official farewell, with the hope that you may feel that in placing me in this honored position your trust has not been misplaced.

I trust that this time-honored Institution will go on prospering and to prosper; but this can only be by the good character of Masons as upright men in every walk of life.

Returns show that there are about twenty-six thousand Masons in this State, and nearly six hundred thousand in the

United States ; consider for a moment the influence they exert on the morals and character of society, and how careful we should be that none but good men should enter our ranks. It is to the good character of Masons, as citizens, neighbors, and friends, that our Institution owes its prosperity and the consideration it receives.

Let us preserve it pure and untarnished, and ever realize that we have received it as a sacred trust to be passed on to succeeding generations.

A sacred burden is this life ye bear ;
Look on it, lift it, bear it solemnly ;
Stand up and walk beneath it steadfastly.
Fail not for sorrow, falter not for sin,
But onward, upward, till the goal ye win.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,

Grand Master.

On motion of R.W. Charles A. Welch, the Annual Report of the Grand Master was referred to a committee, consisting of R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence, R.W. Elijah W. Burr, and W. James M. Gleason.

The Auditing Committee presented their Annual Report, which was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Boston, December 13, 1876.

The Auditing Committee of the M.W. Grand Lodge beg leave to submit the following report : —

The books of the Grand Treasurer have been carefully examined, and we have found them to be correctly kept, and for all his payments he shows the proper vouchers.

For the year ending this day his receipts have been : —

From District Deputy Grand Masters	\$28,648 75
rents, gas, etc.	26,696 62
Dispensations and Charters	145 00
Lodges under Dispensation	185 00
notes given	23,500 00
balance on hand from last year	807 81
Total amount is	<u>\$79,983 18</u>

His payments have been : —

For interests, insurance, and taxes	\$26,673 53
notes paid	20,500 00
expenses of D.D.G. Masters	1,775 37
printing	1,664 92
furniture and regalia	797 42
heat and gas	3,290 21
salary of Gr. Sec'y and Gr. Treasurer	3,000 00
care of Temple, engineer's sal., etc.	2,381 01
charity	1,500 00
donations	200 00
expenses of Commissioners of Trials	292 50
various small bills	1,738 35
	<u>63,813 31</u>
Leaving balance on hand of	<u>\$16,169 87</u>

There is due the Grand Lodge for rent, gas, etc.	<u>\$454 22</u>
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The indebtedness of the Grand Lodge at the close of the year is : —

Mortgage on the Temple	\$250,000 00
Due Masonic Institutions	35,550 50
Due Home Savings Bank	10,000 00
	<u>\$295,550 50</u>

Your committee would also report that the books of the Grand Secretary have been examined, and his records found to be correctly kept and accurately transcribed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

OTIS E. WELD,
SAMUEL P. OLIVER,
HOCUM HOSFORD,
Committee.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report on the Sinking Fund, which was accepted.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER ON SINKING FUND.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
December 12, 1877.

The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year from the District Deputy Grand Masters:—

For members' tax and commutation	\$21,174 50
Amount reported previously	208,151 50
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Making a total of receipts under decree passed March 13, 1867, of	\$229,326 00

All of which has been applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the debt upon the Temple.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McCLELLAN,
Grand Treasurer.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour for the Annual Election of Grand Officers, as fixed by the Grand Constitutions, having arrived, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for ten minutes.

On resuming labor, the Recording Grand Secretary reported the whole number of votes that might be cast for Grand Officers to be five hundred and forty, viz.:—

Grand Officers present	36
Permanent members present	27
One hundred and fifty-nine Lodges represented	477
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The Grand Master appointed as tellers to receive, sort, and count the votes for Grand Master, R.W. Henry Endicott, R.W. Ivory H. Pope and R. W. Henry G. Fay.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Grand Master to be four hundred and forty-nine, all of which were for R.W. Charles A. Welch, of Waltham, and he was declared to be unanimously elected Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master appointed as the committee to wait upon the Grand Master elect, and present him to the Grand East:—

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	“ “ “
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN	“ “ “
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	“ “ “
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON	“ “ “

The committee, with the Grand Marshal and the

Grand Stewards, waited upon the Grand Master elect, and conducted him to the Grand East, the Brethren all rising.

The Grand Master announced to the Grand Master elect his election, and congratulated him upon this expression of the confidence and esteem of his Brethren.

The Grand Master elect responded in the words following:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL,—I thank you for the kind and flattering terms in which you have announced to me the vote of the Grand Lodge; and to you, my Brethren, let me express my warm gratitude for this mark of your confidence. When I enter upon the duties of the office I hope that the same favorable consideration which has elected me to so honorable and important a position will still be extended towards me in the performance of its duties, and will excuse any errors I may make, provided they are only errors of judgment. There are, probably, some difficulties which I may have to encounter, and to encounter which successfully I shall need your hearty coöperation; but I allude to them now no further than to show you that I accept this office, not in a spirit of careless vanity or proud self-confidence, but with a full sense of the responsibilities which I assume, a firm reliance upon your Masonic zeal, and a humble trust that our Great Master will so direct the work of each of us in our several positions that the glory of Masonry in Massachusetts may not suffer any eclipse, or be “shorn of any of its beams,” while I occupy the Oriental Chair.

The Grand Master appointed as a committee to

receive, sort, and count the votes for Senior Grand Warden, the same Brethren who had acted as tellers in the election of Grand Master.

On motion of the Recording Grand Secretary, it was

Voted, That the calling of the list of Lodges be dispensed with in voting for the remaining elective officers.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Senior Grand Warden to be four hundred and thirty-six, of which W. William H. Chessman, of Boston, had four hundred and eight, and he was declared elected Senior Grand Warden for the year ensuing.

. R.W. Daniel Upton, W. Otis E. Weld, and W. Isaac Damon were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Junior Grand Warden.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Junior Grand Warden to be three hundred and fifty-eight, of which three hundred and forty-five were for R.W. Irving B. Sayles, of Millbury, and he was declared elected Junior Grand Warden for the year ensuing.

R.W. William F. Salmon, W. Franklin D. Child, and W. Joseph Winsor, were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Grand Treasurer.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Grand Treasurer to be three hundred and five, all of which were for R.W. John McClellan, of Boston, and he was declared unanimously elected Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing.

R.W. Henry G. Fay, W. Albert F. Kelley, and Bro. Jeremiah Gatchell were appointed a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes for Recording Grand Secretary.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Recording Grand Secretary to be two hundred and eighty-three, all of which were for R.W. Charles H. Titus, of Boston, and he was declared unanimously elected Recording Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

The same committee was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for four Directors, two of each class, to be elected for two years.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Directors to be one hundred and sixty-eight; that R.W. William S. Gardner of Newton, of the first class, had one hundred and sixty-eight; that R.W. William Sutton, of Salem, of the first class, had one hundred and sixty-eight; that R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, of Boston, of the second class, had one hundred and sixty-seven;

that R.W. Percival L. Everett, of Boston, of the second class, had one hundred and sixty-eight; and they were severally declared to be elected Directors for the term of two years.

R.W. Henry Endicott, W. Thomas Waterman, and Bro. John A. Conkey were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Auditing Committee.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Auditing Committee to be one hundred and six, all of which were for W. Otis E. Weld, of Boston, R.W. Samuel P. Oliver, of Boston, and W. Hocum Hosford, of Lowell, and they were declared to be unanimously elected Auditing Committee for the year ensuing.

R.W. Marshall P. Wilder presented to the Grand Lodge a printed copy of the Eulogy pronounced before the Grand Lodge, Feb. 11, 1800, in the Old South Meeting-House, by Hon. Timothy Bigelow.

On motion of R.W. William D. Coolidge, it was unanimously voted that this rare and valuable pamphlet be accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to Brother Wilder therefor.

[The Grand Master deems this pamphlet of so great interest and importance that he has in-

structed the Grand Secretary to print it entire, and issue it with the Proceedings. It follows the record of the Stated Communication of December 27.

The committee to whom was referred the proposed amendments to the Grand Constitutions reported as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO GRAND
CONSTITUTIONS.

IN GRAND LODGE, ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
December 12, 1877.

The committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in June last, and to whom was referred the amendment to the Grand Constitutions proposed by R.W. Brothers Nickerson and Cheever, in relation to the healing of clandestine Masons by the M.W. Grand Master in cases arising solely from the fault or mistake of the Lodge conferring the degrees, have duly considered the proposed amendment and recommend its adoption.

An amendment proposed by R.W. Henry G. Fay at the same Communication, the effect of which will be to oblige the candidate, when he has before applied for initiation, to state in his written application the name and location of the Lodge to which he before applied, and the date of his so applying, has also been considered by your committee, and it seems to them that this amendment will tend to prevent in some degree the mistakes which are liable to occur in the admission to the Masonic Degrees, and they therefore recommend its adoption.

CHARLES A. WELCH,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
FRANCIS CHILDS,
Committee.

The report was accepted. The Grand Master submitted the question, Shall the proposed amendment to Sect. 2, Art. III., Part IV., of the Grand Constitutions be adopted? By count it was found that two hundred and forty-one had voted in the affirmative and none in the negative ; and the amendment was declared to be unanimously adopted.

The Grand Master submitted the question upon the adoption of the amendment to Sect. 1, Art. III., Part IV., and the same was adopted by unanimous vote.

The first amendment reads as follows :—

Add at the close of Sect. 2, Art. III., Part IV., of the Grand Constitutions, the words following:—

Provided, however, that whenever it shall appear, to the satisfaction of the M.W. Grand Master, that any person deemed a clandestine Mason under the provisions of this Article shall have received the degrees solely by the fault or mistake of the Lodge conferring the same, or of any officer or member of such Lodge, the Grand Master may, in his discretion, cause such person to be healed without a petition to the Grand Lodge therefor.

The other amendment is as follows :—

Amend form of application, Art. III., Part IV., Sect. 1, as follows :—

I have never before applied for initiation.

I have before applied for initiation to . . . Lodge,
located at in the year 18—

The form not used to be crossed out by the applicant.

The Committee on Returns presented the following report, which was accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 12, 1877.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:—The Committee on Returns beg leave to report, —

We have examined the Returns of all the Districts and find that the majority of them are correct; while the errors in most of the others are insignificant and easy of rectification.

The Returns of Star Lodge of the 8th District are incomplete and mutilated, an entire leaf missing therefrom.

Annexed is an analysis showing the numbers and names of Lodges in each District, the membership in, and dues returned by, each Lodge. The slight errors mentioned your committee hope will be rectified by each Lodge during the year we are about entering, — the year which your committee trusts and prays will be one of peace and prosperity to all the members of this Grand Lodge, not only in our Lodges, our Masonic homes, but also around our domestic firesides.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted, by

J. M. RODOCANACHI,

WARREN B. ELLIS,

JOSEPH WINSOR,

ALBERT BABBITT,

Committee.

The committee appointed to consider the expe-

diency of preparing a Masonic Digest reported as follows:—

REPORT ON MASONIC DIGEST.

IN GRAND LODGE, ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
December 12, 1877.

The committee who were appointed at the last Quarterly Communication “to consider and report upon the propriety of preparing a Digest of Masonic Law and the Regulations of this Grand Lodge relating to subordinate Lodges for the use of the Craft,” beg leave to report: That in their opinion the preparation of such a Digest is very desirable. The Digest prepared by our late R.W. Brother Moore was at the time of its publication, and for a long time after, of great benefit to the Fraternity; it was the source from which many Masons derived their Masonic knowledge; but since 1861, the date of its publication, several amendments to the Grand Constitutions have been adopted, some decisions upon important questions have been made by the Grand Lodge, and experience has shown that additional information upon various points is needed. Probably, also, at no future time will there be found a larger number of Masons in this jurisdiction competent, by their Masonic learning, to undertake such a task. We therefore recommend that such a Digest be prepared by a committee selected for the purpose.

CHARLES A. WELCH,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
SERENO D. NICKERSON,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted. The Grand Master appointed as the committee to prepare the Digest, R.W.

Brothers Tracy P. Cheever, William S. Gardner, Sereno D. Nickerson, Charles Levi Woodbury, and William F. Salmon.

On motion of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, it was voted that the Board of Directors be authorized to appropriate such a sum of money as may be required in the preparation of the Masonic Digest.

The Grand Master announced that he had appointed a committee to prepare a suitable memorial of R.W. William J. Sawin, M.D., to be placed upon our records, which committee would now make report.

R.W. John A. Hall, in behalf of the committee, submitted the following

REPORT ON THE DEATH OF R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN.

IN GRAND LODGE, December 12, 1875.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:—The committee appointed to prepare an appropriate notice of the death of R.W. Bro. William J. Sawin, for presentation to this Grand Lodge, have attended to the duty assigned to them, and make the following report:—

On the evening of the 3d day of the present month, in the Asylum of the Springfield Commandery of Knights Templars, while in the act of clothing himself in the regalia of his office, preparatory to being installed as Eminent Commander of that body, and in the presence of a large number of his Brethren, William J. Sawin, an honored

Past Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, was stricken down by apoplexy, and died instantly. In the full vigor and power of manhood, and in the midst of his earthly activities and usefulness, he was called to a higher life.

When he died Freemasonry lost a true and faithful friend and enthusiastic supporter. Young as he was, he had not seen so much of Masonic experience, nor been so prominent a figure in our Councils, as some of the gray-haired and venerable members of this Body here present, nor as some of those who have passed before us to that "bourne from which no traveller returns;" but, short as was his Masonic career it was rich in varied acts of usefulness to the Craft, and the upbuilding of our Order.

His loss is deeply felt and deplored by the Masons of the western part of our State, and will be keenly felt and mourned by those who were wont to meet him in this hall at the meetings of the Grand Lodge.

Dr. William J. Sawin was born at Hancock, N.H., on the 8th day of August, 1833, being just past his forty-fourth birthday at the time of his death. He studied medicine at Northfield, Vt., graduating from the medical department of Dartmouth College in 1854; he began the practice of his profession at Watertown, Wisconsin, in the same year, where he remained until 1861, removing to Chicopee Falls, Mass., in March of the same year. In the following June he enlisted as a private soldier in the Tenth Massachusetts Regiment, then being raised for the suppression of the rebellion; Sept. 6th, was transferred to the Third Vermont Regiment as Hospital Steward; served as physician in the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Vermont Regiments from Oct. 1st, 1861, to June 21st, 1862; promoted to Assistant Surgeon in Second Vermont Regiment, Dec.

18th, 1862, and to Surgeon in Chief of Brigade, Dec. 26th, 1862; discharged with the Tenth Massachusetts Regiment at the expiration of his term of service, June 29th, 1864, and returned to Chicopee Falls, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He applied to Chicopee Lodge January 3d, 1865, and was made a Mason therein February 9th, and received the Third Degree April 8th. He was elected Junior Warden of Chicopee Lodge, January 12th, 1867, and Senior Warden January 17th, 1868, acting as Worshipful Master for eight months while holding the latter office; was elected Worshipful Master January 15th, 1869, and reëlected to that office at the subsequent Annual Meeting by a unanimous vote. During the two years of his incumbency as Master he raised sixty Masons in Chicopee Lodge. In 1871 he dimitted from Chicopee Lodge to take part in the Belcher Lodge at Chicopee Falls, in the establishment and upbuilding of which he took a great interest. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District for four successive years; closing his last term of service in 1874, when he was elected Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, which office he held one year.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Mt. Holyoke Chapter, at Holyoke, April 10th, 1865, where he also received the Council degrees; he received the orders of Knighthood in Springfield Commandery, May 10th, 1875. In December, 1875, he was prime mover for the formation of Unity Chapter, at Chicopee Falls, and was its first High Priest, being reëlected to that office at the first election held under its Charter, holding that position, as well as that of District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Fourth Capitular District, at the time of his death.

In 1876 he was elected Junior Warden of Springfield Com-

mandery Knights Templars, and on the 5th day of November, 1877, Eminent Commander of that body, into which office he was about to be installed on the evening of his death.

He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and always took a lively interest in its affairs.

As a surgeon he was esteemed by the Medical Fraternity, was a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and had held the office of President of the Hampden County Medical Society.

He was not aspiring as a politician, but as a good citizen always took a great interest in the prosperity of the town of his adoption.

Such, Brethren, are the meagre facts of that part of the life of William J. Sawin most interesting to us as Masons; they afford but a poor picture of the man; aside from them, those who knew him best knew him as a man of warm and generous impulses, a true friend, and a good Mason. He lived no double life; his faults, like his virtues, were open to the light of day, and were known of all men. What more can be said? The grave has closed over him, and his spirit is with *God*.

His funeral took place at Chicopee Falls, on Thursday, the 6th day of December. After the prayer, at his late residence, the remains were conveyed to the Congregational Church, escorted by the Springfield Commandery of Knights Templars, Unity Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Belcher Lodge and Chicopee Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, many members of the Fraternity being present from the surrounding towns.

Reverends Austin, Manson, and Bellamy conducted the services at the church, the latter clergyman delivering a touching and appropriate address, made more interesting from his long and intimate acquaintance with the deceased. At the conclusion of the services at the church, the remains were

taken to the cemetery, where the burial service of the Knights Templars was performed.

The Grand Lodge was represented by, —

R.W. HENRY CHICKERING, Past Grand Warden.

R.W. DAVID W. CRAFTS, “ “ “

R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL, “ “ “

R.W. JOHN A. HALL, District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th District.

R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY, District Deputy Grand Master of the 11th District.

W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN, Grand Marshal.

Among the prominent Masons present were Right Eminent John Dean, Grand Commander of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Most Excellent Smith B. Harrington, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; Worshipful E. Dana Bancroft and Worshipful Alfred A. Chapman.

JOHN A. HALL,

JAMES FLINT, JR.

JOHN E. SHIPMAN,

RICHMOND DANKS,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

The Commissioners of Trials presented the following report, which was accepted and the finding confirmed; whereby P. V. Roudiez, an unaffiliated Mason, sojourning at Fall River, is expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TRIALS IN CASE OF
P. V. ROUDIEZ.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
December 12th, 1877.

GEORGE L. WALKER, COMPLAINANT,

vs.

P. V. ROUDIEZ.

Before the Commissioners of Trials.

In this complaint, made by the Junior Warden of Narragansett Lodge, Fall River, the respondent, an unaffiliated Mason, sojourning at Fall River, was charged with unmasonic conduct, according to the following specifications:—

“First, that said P. V. Roudiez, on the 9th day of March, A.D. 1876, at Fall River, Mass., in Narragansett Lodge, falsely and fraudulently represented himself as a Past Master of Canadian Lodge in Granby, P.Q. and by said false and fraudulent representation said Narragansett Lodge was induced to receive him, and did receive him, as such Past Master; whereas, in truth and fact, he was not at that time and never was a Past Master of said Canadian Lodge.

“Second, that the said P. V. Roudiez, at divers times between January 1st, A.D. 1876, and April 1st, A.D. 1876, at Fall River aforesaid, falsely and fraudulently represented himself as a Past Master of Canadian Lodge, for the purpose of obtaining pecuniary assistance, and by reason of such false and fraudulent representation did obtain from Worshipful Brother Dr. John B. Whitaker, pecuniary assistance, to wit, the sum of three dollars; whereas, in truth and fact, the said P. V. Roudiez was not then and never was a Past Master of said Canadian Lodge.”

The complaint was duly served on the respondent, and

due return of the service made by the Grand Tyler, in conformity with the provisions of the Grand Constitutions and the regulations of the Commissioners. The testimony in the cause was taken at Fall River by the President of the Board, on November 22d. The respondent failed to appear, either at the time of the taking of the testimony or at the hearing before the Commissioners. The testimony and exhibits submitted in behalf of the complainant established beyond question the truth of the facts in each specification of the complaint. The respondent, as by the testimony fully appeared, had been in the habit—a habit which seemed to have become chronic with him—of claiming and pretending to have been a Past Master of the Lodge in question, and by such claim and pretence gained not only admission into Narragansett Lodge and other Lodges in the neighborhood, but also secured the Masonic recognition due to his pretended rank, besides pecuniary and other collateral advantages. It appeared in evidence that Canadian Lodge, to which a Dispensation has been issued, never received a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, by reason of the loose and inefficient character of its work while under Dispensation, and the only Master it ever had, to wit, under the Dispensation, was *not* the respondent. It was further shown that the respondent had never been a Master of any Lodge in that jurisdiction.

The respondent was found *guilty* of the charge, and under both specifications of the complaint, and was therefore sentenced to expulsion from the rights and privileges of Masonry.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
President of Commissioners of Trials.

The Committee on By-Laws made report, which was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, Dec. 12, 1877.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Brethren: —

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the amendments submitted by Zetland, Artisan, Pequossette, Eliot, Mystic, De Witt Clinton, Roswell Lee, and Konohassett Lodges, and find them in accord with the Grand Constitutions and Masonic usage, and recommend their approval.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. SALMON,
JOEL SEAVERN,
THOMAS W. DAVIS,
Committee.

On motion of R.W. John McClellan, it was

Voted, That five hundred dollars be appropriated for charity, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity.

The committee, to whom was referred the application of the newly formed Grand Lodge of New Mexico, reported as follows: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, Dec. 12, 1877.

The committee, to whom were referred the Proceedings of a Convention to organize a Grand Lodge for the Territory of New Mexico, respectfully report: —

That on the 6th of August last, at Santa Fé, New Mexico, a Territory of the United States, a convention assembled consisting of delegates from Aztec, Chapman, and Montezuma Lodges, all working under Charters from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, each of said Lodges having previously voted to join in the organization of a Grand Lodge of Masons for said Territory. A Constitution, By-Laws, and Seal were adopted, officers were elected and installed, and the M.W. Grand Lodge of New Mexico was declared organized, and opened in Ample Form.

The proceedings appear to have been duly authorized and regularly conducted, and the Constitution and By-Laws in accordance with the ancient landmarks and Masonic usage.

Your committee therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge cordially extend a fraternal recognition to the M.W. Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and that our R.W. Recording Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate this action, and to tender to said Grand Lodge the *courtesies usual* under such circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,
CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,

. *Committee.*

The report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted; and thus this new Grand Lodge is heartily welcomed to our fellowship as a regularly constituted Grand Lodge.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, at five minutes past five o'clock P.M., until the 27th instant, then to

meet in the Masonic Temple in this city, at four o'clock P. M., for the Installation of Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

Prayer was offered by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus, and a closing hymn was sung.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,
Recording Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

DECEMBER 27, A.L. 5877.

A STATED COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Thursday, the twenty-seventh day of December, A.L. 5877, A.D. 1877, for the Installation of Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,	Grand Master.
R.W. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	as Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN McCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER . . .	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
R.W. SETH C. AMES . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 3.
R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 4.
R.W. WILLIAM C. MAXWELL . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 5.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 6.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 7.
R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 9.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 11.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 12.
R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 14.
R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 15.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 17.
W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D. . }	Grand Chaplains.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG . . . }	

W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN . . .	} Grand Lecturers.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY . . .	
W. J. FRANCIS LOTTS . . .	
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS . . .	} Junior Grand Stewards.
W. HENRY STEPHENSON . . .	
W. JAMES SWORDS . . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. Z. L. BICKNELL . . .	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. BAALIS SANFORD, JR. . .	} Grand Pursuivants.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON . . .	
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW . . .	Grand Organist.
BRO. FRANK E. JONES . . .	as Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER . . .	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON . . .	" " "
R.W. GEORGE G. SMITH . . .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES R. TRAIN . . .	" " " "
R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN . . .	" " " "
R.W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY . . .	" " " "
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON . . .	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE . . .	" " "
R.W. HENRY ENDICOTT . . .	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. . .	" " "
R.W. IVORY H. POPE . . .	" " "
R.W. RICHARD BRIGGS . . .	" " "
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	" " "
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL . . .	" " "

BRETHREN ON THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

W. OTIS E. WELD.	W. JOSEPH WINSOR.
W. JAMES MILLS.	W. HENRY J. PARKER.
W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI.	W. NATHANIEL GREENE.

Also the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of many subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, at four o'clock P. M., with prayer by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing. The GREAT LIGHT was opened by the Grand Marshal at the Gospel of Saint John the Evangelist.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Master appointed R. W. Past Grand Masters John T. Heard, William D. Coolidge, William Parkman, Charles C. Dame, William S. Gardner, and Sereno D. Nickerson, a committee to wait upon the Grand Master elect, and present him for installation.

The committee retired, attended by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Stewards, and the Grand Sword-Bearer, conducted by the Grand Marshal, and escorted the Grand Master elect to the Grand East,—the Brethren all rising,—and duly presented him for installation.

The Grand Master directed the committee to conduct the Grand Master elect to the altar, there to receive the benefit of prayer, and be invested with his official obligation.

The W. and Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, Grand Chaplain, offered the following

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION.

O most Glorious and Eternal God ! who art the infinitely all-wise Architect of the Universe : — We, thy servants, assembled in solemn Grand Lodge, would now extol thy Power and Wisdom in the works of Creation and Providence.

Thou saidst, “ Let there be light, and there was light.” The Heavens opened and declared thy glory and the firmament spangled with thy handiwork. The Sun which rules by day gave light to the Moon. The Moon which rules by night tells to the listening Earth the surprising story of her birth ; so that there is one glory of the Sun, another glory of the Moon, and one Star differs from another Star in glory ; and all, by most wondrous signs and tokens, without voice, sound, or language, solemnly proclaim Divine Mysteries.

We adore Thee for that distinguishing characteristic Thou hast given to man, being made in thine own image ; and hast, above all thy creatures, made him lord of this lower world, and given him a capacity to imitate thy moral perfections.

We beseech Thee to give us, thy servants, at this time, Wisdom in all our doings, Strength of Mind in our Difficulties, and Beauty of Harmony in all our Communications with one another.

But grant, O Lord, that thy servant, now about to be solemnly invested with the authority and rule over the several Lodges in this jurisdiction, may be endued with knowledge and wisdom to instruct and explain to us the mysteries of Masonry ; and grant that we may understand, learn, and keep all the Statutes and Commandments of the Lord, and this holy mystery, pure and undefiled, unto our lives’ end ; that Brotherly Love and

Charity may always abound among us. Let this be always the cement of our Society; each striving how to be most beneficial to mankind.

And when we have finished our work here below, let our transition from this earthly tabernacle be to the heavenly Temple above; there safely lodged among thy Jewels we may shine with Thee for ever and ever.

We ask all in the name of Him who stood on the pinnacle of the Holy Temple, even Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The Grand Master elect, having been duly invested with his official obligation, was reconducted to the Grand East, and installed in AMPLE FORM, and in the words following:—

It becomes my duty, Most Worshipful, to install you into your high office as Grand Master of Masons in this Commonwealth.

Give me leave to seat you in this CHAIR, and to invest you with this BADGE of your office. This will silently admonish you always to do justice to the cause of Masonry; to consult, as the exalted rank you now hold demands of you, its real interests. It will instruct you to infuse into the many Lodges, of which you are now the head, the true spirit of our Order. It will direct you to make wise regulations for the good government of the Fraternity; to give due commendation to the worthy members of it; and to rebuke those who act contrary to its laws.

I next deliver this EMBLEM OF THAT POWER with which you are now invested. Always make use of it for the good of our benevolent Institution.

To you are committed also those SACRED WRITINGS in which are to be found the sublime parts of our ancient mystery. In them are, likewise, most strongly inculcated the social and moral duties, without which no man can be a Mason. You will direct your Lodges to read, to study, and obey them.

Receive these tools of OPERATIVE MASONRY, which are to each of us the most expressive symbols. These will assist you, Most Worshipful, to reduce all rude matter into proper form; to bring to due subjection irregular passions, and to circumscribe them by harmony, order, and duty.

And, lastly, I present to you the BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS, in which are contained the *rules* and *orders* made for the good government of the Society; and the *Charges*, which show its nature, its wisdom, and its utility. With this book, Most Worshipful, you will direct your Lodges to make themselves well acquainted, — a work, in all its parts, worthy the attention of men the most enlightened and judicious.

You are now, Most Worshipful, at the head of an Order which is calculated to unite men by true friendship; to extend benevolence, and to promote virtue. And give me leave to say, that the honor with which you are invested is not unworthy of a man of the highest rank or most distinguished abilities. Permit me, also, to remind you that your faithful attention to the duties of your office, and acceptable discharge of them, will render you of great benefit to one of the most liberal Institutions upon earth.

Let me congratulate you, Most Worshipful, on the honor of being raised from the level of equality to the high station of presiding over all the Lodges of this State and jurisdiction.

May the Father of Lights invest you with his choicest gifts; may heavenly wisdom illuminate your mind; may heavenly power give strength to your exertions; may heavenly

goodness fill and enlarge your breast; may your feet rest upon the rock of justice; from your hands may streams of beneficence continually issue; and round your head may there bend a circle made splendid by the rays of honor. And late, very late in life, may you be transmitted from the fading honors of an earthly Lodge to the mansions prepared for the faithful in a better world.

Let me congratulate you, Right Worshipful Grand Officers and Brethren, on the election of our Most Worshipful Grand Master; as it is *his*, agreeably to the rules of our Institution, to command, so it is *ours* with readiness to obey.

Past Grand Master Everett then presented to the new Grand Master the Golden Urn, containing a lock of Washington's hair, informing him that in the year 1801 this urn was presented to Grand Master Dunn, at his installation, and that at every succeeding installation it had been confided to the care and custody of the Grand Master, with most solemn and imperative injunctions to carefully preserve it, and, when his term of office expired, to transmmmit it to his successor with the like charge:—

This sacred relic, which I received from my predecessor in 1874, I now place in your hands, and I charge you to religiously preserve it, and, when your Grand-Mastership terminates, to deliver it to your successor with a charge similar to that with which you now receive it.

A procession of one hundred and eighty-seven

Brethren was formed in due order, and the M.W. Grand Master was saluted in accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft and of this Grand Lodge.

Proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal in the words following:—

In the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I proclaim Most Worshipful Charles Alfred Welch Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. And may God Almighty bless him in the government of the Craft, and us in him. This proclamation is made from the EAST, the WEST, the SOUTH. ONCE, TWICE, THRICE. All interested will take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

The Grand Master arose from the Oriental Chair, and, striking one blow with the gavel, being uncovered, pronounced this invocation:—

May the Grand Architect of the Universe pour down his blessings on this Society, and enable me to discharge the great trust reposed in me, to the honor of His name and of the Royal Art. And may there never be wanting such to fill the Chair who shall promote Masonry and the good of mankind as long as the world endureth. *Amen.*

The Grand Master proceeded to install the Grand Wardens.

W. William H. Chessman having been installed into the office of Senior Grand Warden, and R.W.

Irving B. Sayles into the office of Junior Grand Warden, proclamation thereof was made in the words following:—

I am directed by the most Worshipful Grand Master to proclaim, and I do hereby proclaim, that the Right Worshipful Grand Wardens of this Grand Lodge have been duly installed into their respective stations. This proclamation is made from the EAST, the WEST, the SOUTH. ONCE, TWICE, THRICE. The Craft will take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

The Grand Master installed into their respective stations, R.W. John McClellan, Grand Treasurer, and R.W. Charles H. Titus, Recording Grand Secretary.

The following appointments were announced by the Grand Master:—

R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, Jr., New Bedford, Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER, Cambridge, Corresponding Grand Secretary.

R.W. HENRY G. FAY, Boston, D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.

W. SELWIN Z. BOWMAN, Somerville, D.D.G. Master, District No. 2.

R.W. SETH C. AMES, East Boston, D.D.G. Master, District No. 3.

W. GEORGE J. TOWNSEND, Natick, D.D.G. Master, District No. 4.

R.W. WILLIAM C. MAXWELL, Lynn, D.D.G. Master, District No. 5.

W. THOMAS LEYLAND, Lawrence, D.D.G. Master, District No. 6.

R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS, Lowell, D.D.G. Master, District No. 7.

R.W. HENRY M. HUMPHREY, Athol, D.D.G. Master, District No. 8.

R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL, Pittsfield, D.D.G. Master, District No. 9.

R.W. JOHN A. HALL, Springfield, D.D.G. Master, District No. 10.

R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY, Worcester, D.D.G. Master, District No. 11.

W. WILLIAM H. PHIPPS, South Framingham, D.D.G. Master, District No. 12.

R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY, Dedham, D.D.G. Master, District No. 13.
 R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART, Fall River, D.D.G. Master, District No. 14.
 R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS, Barnstable, D.D.G. Master, District
 No. 15.

W. LEAVITT BATES, East Weymouth, D.D.G. Master, District No. 16.

W. JOHN VIAL, Medford, D.D.G. Master, District No. 17.

W. GEORGE ROBINSON, Palmer, D.D.G. Master, District No. 18.

W. FRANK MORTON, Randolph, D.D.G. Master, District No. 19.

R.W. REV. DAVID TRUMBULL, D.D., Valparaiso, D.D.G. Master for
 Chili.

W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., New Bedford, } Grand
 W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG, Groton, } Chaplains.

W. F. LYMAN WINSHIP, Brighton, Grand Marshal.

W. THOMAS WATERMAN, Boston, }
 W. CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, } Grand Lecturers.
 W. J. FRANCIS LOTTS, Boston, }

W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS, Boston, Senior Grand Deacon.

W. THOMAS W. DAVIS, Belmont, Junior Grand Deacon.

W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI, Boston, Senior Grand Steward.

W. JAMES MILLS, Boston, }
 W. NATHANIEL GREENE, Boston, } Junior Grand Stewards.
 W. HENRY N. FISHER, Waltham, }

W. JOSEPH WINSOR, Boston, Grand Sword-Bearer.

W. Z. L. BICKNELL, East Weymouth, Grand Standard-Bearer.

W. SAMUEL WELLS, Boston, }
 W. HENRY J. PARKER, Boston, } Grand Pursuivants.

BRO. HOWARD M. DOW, Boston, Grand Organist.

BRO. FRANK E. JONES, Boston, Grand Tyler.

COMMISSIONERS OF TRIALS.

R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER. R.W. BENJAMIN DEAN.
 R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON. R.W. EDWARD AVERY.
 R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON. R.W. CHARLES LEVI WOODRURY.
 BRO. HENRY A. WHITNEY.

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

W. HENRY J. PARKER. W. NATHANIEL GREENE.
 W. JAMES MILLS. W. GEORGE R. MARBLE.
 BRO. JOHN CARR.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI. W. FREDERICK T. COMEE.
 W. SAMUEL W. CREECH, JR. W. SOLOMON A. BOLSTER.
 W. GEORGE T. LITTLEFIELD.

COMMITTEE ON HEALING.

R.W. EDWARD AVERY. R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY.
 W. SAMUEL WELLS.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

R.W. IVORY H. POPE. W. AUSTIN BIGELOW.
 W. SAMUEL D. YOUNG.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON. R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL.
 W. THOMAS W. DAVIS.

The Grand Master installed the following-named Brethren into the stations to which they had been appointed: —

R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	:	:	:	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY	.	.	.	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. SELWIN Z. BOWMAN	.	.	.	" " District No. 2.
R.W. SETH C. AMES	.	.	.	" " District No. 3.
R.W. GEORGE J. TOWNSEND	.	.	.	" " District No. 4.
R.W. WILLIAM C. MAXWELL	.	.	.	" " District No. 5.
R.W. THOMAS LEYLAND	.	.	.	" " District No. 6.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS	.	.	.	" " District No. 7.
R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL	.	.	.	" " District No. 9.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY	.	.	.	" " District No. 11.
R.W. WILLIAM H. PHIPPS	.	.	.	" " District No. 12.
R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY	.	.	.	" " District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART	.	.	.	" " District No. 14.
R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS	.	.	.	" " District No. 15.
R.W. LEAVITT BATES	.	.	.	" " District No. 16.
R.W. JOHN VIAL	.	.	.	" " District No. 17.
R.W. GEORGE ROBINSON	.	.	.	" " District No. 18.
R.W. FRANK MORTON	.	.	.	" " District No. 19.

The Deputy Grand Master installed the following-named Brethren into their stations:—

W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D.	}	Grand Chaplains.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG		
W. F. LYMAN WINSHIP		Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN	}	Grand Lecturers.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY		
W. J. FRANCIS LOTTS		
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . .		Senior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS		Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI . .		Senior Grand Steward.
W. JAMES MILLS	}	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. NATHANIEL GREENE		
W. HENRY N. FISHER		
W. JOSEPH WINSOR		Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. Z. L. BICKNELL		Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. HENRY J. PARKER		Grand Pursuivant.
BRO. FRANK E. JONES		Grand Tyler.

Proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal as follows:—

I am directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to proclaim, and I do hereby proclaim, that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has been duly organized for the ensuing year, and is now ready for the transaction of such business as shall legally come before it. This proclamation is made from the EAST, the WEST, the SOUTH. ONCE, TWICE, THRICE. The Craft will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

The Recording Grand Secretary presented the following reports, which were accepted and ordered to be recorded.

REPORTS OF RECORDING GRAND SECRETARY.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1877.

The following forty Lodges do not appear to have been represented in Grand Lodge during the past year : —

ACACIA, Gloucester.	NEWTON, Wilbraham.
ACONCAGUA, Valparaiso.	OCCIDENTAL, Stockbridge.
ADAMS, Wellfleet.	PACIFIC, Amherst.
BAY STATE, Montague.	PYTHAGOREAN, Marion.
BETHEL, Enfield.	RABBONI, South Boston.
BETHESDA, Valparaiso.	SAINT JAMES, Mansfield.
CHICOPEE, Chicopee.	SAINT MATTHEW'S, Andover.
CINCINNATUS, Great Barrington.	SATUIT, Scituate.
CORNER STONE, Duxbury.	SOCIAL HARMONY, Wareham.
GLOBE, Hinsdale.	STAR, Athol.
HAMPSHIRE, Haydenville.	THOMAS, Palmer.
HOWARD, South Yarmouth.	TYRIAN, Gloucester.
HUNTINGTON, Huntington.	UNITED BRETHREN, Marlborough.
KILWINNING, Lowell.	UPTON, Cheshire.
MARINERS, Cotuit.	VERNON, Belchertown.
MORNING SUN, Conway.	WEBSTER, Webster.
MOUNT HOLYOKE, South Hadley Falls.	WILDER, Leominster.
MOUNT TOM, Holyoke.	WILLIAMS, Williamstown.
MOUNTAIN, Shelburne Falls.	WISDOM, West Stockbridge.
MYSTIC, Pittsfield.	ZETLAND, Boston.

The following twenty Lodges do not appear to have been represented during the past two years : —

ACACIA, Gloucester.	NEWTON, Wilbraham.
ADAMS, Wellfleet.	OCCIDENTAL, Stockbridge.
BAY STATE, Montague.	PACIFIC, Amherst.
BETHEL, Enfield.	PYTHAGOREAN, Marion.
BETHESDA, Valparaiso.	SOCIAL HARMONY, Wareham.
HAMPSHIRE, Haydenville.	THOMAS, Palmer.
HOWARD, South Yarmouth.	TYRIAN, Gloucester.
HUNTINGTON, Huntington.	UPTON, Cheshire.
MOUNT HOLYOKE, South Hadley Falls.	VERNON, Belchertown.
MYSTIC, Pittsfield.	WISDOM, West Stockbridge.

The following nine Lodges do not appear to have been represented during the past three years : —

ACACIA, Gloucester.	PACIFIC, Amherst.
ADAMS, Wellfleet.	SOCIAL HARMONY, Wareham.
BETHEL, Enfield.	TYRIAN, Gloucester.
HOWARD, South Yarmouth.	VERNON, Belchertown.
MOUNT HOLYOKE, South Hadley Falls.	

The latest printed Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received at the office of the Recording Grand Secretary during the past year : —

ALABAMA.	INDIAN TERRITORY.	NEW YORK.
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.	IOWA.	NORTH CAROLINA.
ARKANSAS.	KANSAS.	NOVA SCOTIA.
BRAZIL.	KENTUCKY.	OHIO.
BRITISH COLUMBIA.	LOUISIANA.	OREGON.
CALIFORNIA.	MAINE.	PENNSYLVANIA.
CANADA.	MANITOBA.	PRINCE EDW'D ISLAND.
COLORADO.	MARYLAND.	QUEBEC.
CONNECTICUT.	MICHIGAN.	RHODE ISLAND.
DAKOTA.	MINNESOTA.	SOUTH CAROLINA.
DELAWARE.	MISSISSIPPI.	TENNESSEE.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.	MISSOURI.	TEXAS.
ENGLAND.	MONTANA.	UTAH.
EGYPT.	NEBRASKA.	VERMONT.
FLORIDA.	NETHERLANDS.	VIRGINIA.
FRANCE.	NEVADA.	WASH'N TERRITORY.
GEORGIA.	NEW BRUNSWICK.	WEST VIRGINIA.
IDAHO.	NEW HAMPSHIRE.	WISCONSIN.
ILLINOIS.	NEW JERSEY.	WYOMING.
INDIANA.	NEW MEXICO.	

Charters have been executed for the following Lodges during the past year : —

<i>Lodge.</i>	<i>Location.</i>	<i>Date of Precedence.</i>	<i>Date of Charter.</i>
HUELEN . . .	Santiago, Chili	Feb. 8, 1876.	March 14, 1877.
BOYLSTON . . .	West Boylston	March 8, 1876.	March 14, 1877.
JOSEPH WEBB .	Boston . . .	March 8, 1876.	March 14, 1877.

Diplomas have been issued from the office of the Recording Grand Secretary during the past year, as follows : —

		Master Masons.	Past Masters.
District No. 1	. . . . .	78	9
“ No. 2.	. . . . .	49	0
“ No. 3	. . . . .	62	6
“ No. 4	. . . . .	44	4
“ No. 5	. . . . .	45	5
“ No. 6	. . . . .	63	6
“ No. 7	. . . . .	31	3
“ No. 8	. . . . .	25	2
“ No. 9	. . . . .	25	6
“ No. 10	. . . . .	92	7
“ No. 11	. . . . .	45	6
“ No. 12	. . . . .	82	6
“ No. 13	. . . . .	50	6
“ No. 14	. . . . .	74	8
“ No. 15	. . . . .	20	0
“ No. 16	. . . . .	42	4
“ No. 17	. . . . .	44	9
“ No. 18	. . . . .	30	8
Chili District	. . . . .	15	2
		916	97

CHARLES H. TITUS,

Recording Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Charity submitted their annual report, as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, Dec. 27, 1877.

The Committee on Charity beg leave to submit the following Report:—

The receipts for the year have been as follows:—

Cash received from the Grand Treasurer	. . . . .	\$1,500 00
Cash received to expend on account of Lodges	. . . . .	47 50
Balance from old account	. . . . .	150 00
Total receipts	. . . . .	\$1,697 50

The payments have been as follows : —

Funeral expenses	\$152 00
Telegrams	15 00
Railroad and steamboat fares	72 55
Cash paid 208 persons for relief	1,457 95
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Total expenses	\$1,697 50

The appeals for assistance have been many during the year, and in most cases the applicants have seemed to your committee to be deserving of relief. As usual there have been appeals for relief from a class who travel from city to city endeavoring to live on charity. Through the courtesy of similar committees in other jurisdictions the committee have been promptly notified of impostors and unworthy persons seeking relief, and in several instances the same persons have found their way to this city. Brethren in different parts of our own jurisdiction have aided the committee by forwarding similar information.

The number of persons aided during the year has not been so great, or the amount expended so large, as during the preceding year, owing in a measure to the mild season; yet the number is sufficiently large to show that want and suffering are the lot of many of our Brethren, and that the widows and orphans still have a claim on our most generous charity.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. PARKER,

NATHANIEL GREEN,

JAMES MILLS,

JOSEPH B. MASON,

FRANK E. JONES,

Committee.

The report was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Past Grand Master, in behalf of Winslow Lewis Lodge, presented Past Grand Master R.W. Percival Lowell Everett; a most elegant Past Grand Master's jewel, in his usual felicitous manner. R.W. Bro. Everett, though taken entirely by surprise, responded with much feeling and in well-chosen words.

At ten minutes past six o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

A procession was formed by the Grand Marshal, and the Brethren were conducted to the banquet-room, where the feast of Saint John the Evangelist was duly celebrated after the manner of Masons.

At ten minutes past ten o'clock, P.M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, the mystic circle was formed, Auld Lang Syne was sung, and the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

EULOGY ON GENERAL WASHINGTON.

BY HON. TIMOTHY BIGELOW, FEB. 11, 1800.

The following letter from Grand Master Everett to Hon. Marshall P. Wilder forms a fitting introduction to the reprint of this rare and valuable document. The reader will find further information in relation to the high social position and distinguished professional career of Hon. Timothy Bigelow, the author of this Eulogy, in a sketch of his life given by Grand Master Welch (then Deputy Grand Master), on the occasion of his presenting a portrait of Mr. Bigelow to the Grand Lodge. See Proceedings of Quarterly Communication, March 14, 1877, pp. 160-163.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

December 14, 1877.

Right Worshipful Marshall P. Wilder : —

DEAR SIR AND R.W. BROTHER, — The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has just received from your fraternal hands a most welcome gift, namely, a well-worn copy of the Eulogy on the life, character, and services of our illustrious Brother, George Washington, pronounced before the Fraternity, at the Old South Meeting House, in Boston, on Feb. 11th, 1800, by Brother Timothy Bigelow. The pamphlet also contains two addresses,

signed by committees of the Grand Lodge to Brother Washington during the term of his Presidency, with his answers thereto, and a letter of condolence to Mrs. Washington, written shortly after the decease of her distinguished husband, with her answer, enclosing her gift to the Grand Lodge of the lock of hair which has ever since been regarded by the Fraternity in this Commonwealth as its choicest treasure.

The historical associations evoked by your generous gift embrace not only the period of the Revolution with its immediately succeeding years, into which was gathered so much of interest to our country and our Fraternity, but the personal character and deeds of two Brethren, whose lives shed a brilliant lustre upon the cause of patriotism and of Masonry. The *subject* of the eulogy is to-day, as upon the day of his death, enthroned first in the hearts of his countrymen. "The cassia shall forever bloom o'er his head; for he hath gone down cloudless in the west, ripe in years and full of glory."

The *author* of the eulogy, a Junior and Senior Grand Warden and twice a Grand Master for a full official term of this Body, has left for the contemplation and instruction of his successors, a pleasant and delightful memory of duties well done, of a life well spent, and of all the virtues and graces of a noble character.

In transmitting to you, my Right Worshipful Brother, the cordial thanks of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for this gift, which recalls so many high and ennobling recollections, permit me to unite with all the Brethren in the hope (already so well assured) that the remaining years of your useful life, devoted as it has been to the noblest ends and purposes, —

"A green old age, serene and bright
And lovely as a Lapland night,"

may be passed in tranquillity amid the bounties and beauties of your chosen and cherished occupation, and with the admiration and love of your fond and affectionate Brethren.

In behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,

I remain, most respectfully and fraternally yours,

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,

Grand Master.


AN
EULOGY
ON THE
LIFE, CHARACTER, AND SERVICES
OF
BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON,
Deceased — Pronounced before
THE FRATERNITY OF
Free and Accepted Masons,

BY REQUEST OF THE GRAND LODGE,
AT the OLD SOUTH Meeting-House, BOSTON, ON
TUESDAY, FEB. 11, 1800.

Being the Day set apart by them to pay FUNERAL HONORS
to their deceased BROTHER.

BY BROTHER TIMOTHY BIGELOW.

TO WHICH IS ADDED
TWO ADDRESSES to the Deceased when PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, and his answers: *Together with* THE
LETTER OF CONDOLENCE of the GRAND LODGE
to Mrs. WASHINGTON, and her ANSWER.

 The *cassia* shall forever bloom o'er his head, for he hath gone down
cloudless in the *West*, "ripe in years and full of glory."

BOSTON.
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No. 45 Newbury Street.



At a Meeting of the COMMITTEE of the GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, at Concert Hall, in Boston, February 12, A.D. 1800.

VOTED, that our Right Worshipful Brethren, PAUL REVERE, JOSIAH BARTLETT, and JOSEPH LAUGHTON be appointed to wait on our Honourable Brother TIMOTHY BIGELOW, Esquire, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the chaste and appropriate Eulogy delivered by him on the 11th instant, before the most numerous and respectable assembly of the Fraternity ever convened in this Commonwealth, in display of the Sublime Virtues and unequalled Labours of that Pillar of the Institution, and Ornament of Humanity, our late Illustrious Brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON; and to request a copy for the press.

Attest:

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

To the COMMITTEE of the GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, at Concert Hall, in Boston, February 12, 1800.

BROTHERS, The Eulogy delivered by me yesterday, having been written at your desire, custom, in some measure, renders it a duty to yield the copy requested for publication. Impressed with a grateful sense of the honour conferred on me by your approbation, I am your obliged Brother,

TIMOTHY BIGELOW.

Boston, February 12, A.L. 5800.

BRETHREN OF THE MASONIC FRATERNITY, AND FELLOW-CITIZENS OF THIS RESPECTABLE AUDIENCE,

THOUGH silence be justly considered the language of grief, yet it is equivocal. Hypocrisy or indifference may assume it. On great occasions, therefore, it becomes a duty to vindicate our feelings, though it be impossible fully to express them. Highly laudable then is the conduct of our generous nation, at the present mournful crisis. While all classes of our fellow-citizens, obedient to the injunctions, and imitating the example of Congress, are pouring forth their sorrows, and recounting the virtues of the deceased WASHINGTON; while the great and good of other nations are mingling their regrets with the lamentations of his afflicted countrymen — shall the Masonic Fraternity be silent? Suppress their grief they cannot; and shall they attempt to conceal it? No, my Brethren, he had a double claim to our attachment, and we will dwell on his memory with peculiar affection. If our departed Brother yet takes an interest in what passes upon earth, if his blest shade still hovers over the country which he protected and loved, may we not hope that our tribute of respect will be acceptable; that our united plaudits may even touch his immortal soul with pleasure? A hope like this would soften our pangs, and dart a ray of comfort through the gloom of affliction which surrounds us. But ah, how unlike are our present emotions, at best, to those we have been wont to indulge on the returns of this anniversary! Long have we been accustomed to hail it with joy, and regard it as the era of Heaven's peculiar favour to our country. Blind to futurity, we have fondly hoped that he would yet continue many years; that he would long defend us with his sword, and bless us with his counsels; that he would glide gently down the declivity of life, majestic as some mighty river, and late, very late, sink in the ocean of eternity. So long shall we deplore his

apparently untimely departure. So long will this returning day call forth the mingled emotions of joy and mourning. But future times will again regard it as auspicious. Our remotest posterity, inheriting our freedom and independence, and that happy Constitution which alone can secure them, will never be unmindful of the MASTER, who presided at the building of the fair fabric of political glory, or forget that on this day WASHINGTON was born.

When we see a whole nation of freemen in tears, disconsolate for the death of a fellow-citizen, what words can swell his panegyric? Indeed, the people of the United States exhibit a spectacle that is scarcely to be paralleled in the annals of mankind. Nations, it is true, have often assumed the garb of sorrow, and pompously displayed the emblems of grief for the death of Emperors or Kings. But it was when obedience, perhaps reluctant, was yielded to the orders of a successor; or when, for reasons of State, mourning was established by laws. Under such circumstances, appearances may be deceptive; but, on our happy shores, we fear no tyrant frown; we need nothing extraneous to prompt our sighs; our sorrows are the spontaneous effusion of grateful hearts; they demonstrate our respect to be sincere, and are scarce less honourable to the nation than to the memory of him whose death they deplore. Still more striking is another view of this interesting scene. Rarely has the world done justice to the merit of the great, while living: It has often ungenerously persecuted its best benefactors, or suffered them to pine in the gloom of neglect. SOCRATES, though a luminary to his own and future times, in science and in virtue, was condemned by his infatuated countrymen to death. BELISARIUS, who conquered a kingdom for his master, was suffered ignominiously to beg his bread.¹ COLUMBUS, who gave a new world to mankind, was loaded with chains, and pursued with insatiate rancor to his grave. Americans are more just: While the great WASHINGTON was yet alive, they knew how to

¹ Though the truth of this anecdote be questioned by writers of eminence, it is nevertheless supported by good authorities of ancient date; and it is agreed by all, that Belisarius was at one time unjustly deprived both of his honours and estates.

appreciate the mighty blessing. Let us exult in the remembrance that they long since hailed him the **FIRST OF MEN**; that they twice invested him with the chief command of their armies; that with their unanimous suffrages they twice raised him to the dignity of Supreme Magistracy; that their united acclamations and fervent blessings followed him in his repeated retirement from office; that he lived in honour, and died in glory. Yes, they even claim from his family a right to share their afflictions; with them to mourn their deceased Father, to plant the cypress on his grave, and water it with their tears. Heaven surely approves this conduct: Heaven will continue to distinguish a people duly sensible of their blessings.

VOLUMINOUS would be a detail of all the meritorious actions, or even of the great achievements of our departed friend. To recount his heroic deeds would be but to recite the history of his country while he was in the field; would be but to repeat what thousands have already told; what many of you, my auditors, have personally witnessed; what even his vanquished enemies have published to the world. Oh that we could analyze his mighty mind; that we could ascertain the elements of this splendid luminary in the moral world; that we could with unerring eye trace on the intellectual map the path which he pursued to immortal happiness and fame.

It has not unfrequently happened that the possession of a single estimable talent in a high degree has rendered an individual an object of admiration to mankind. The military prowess of Alexander, besides subjecting the world to his dominion, procured him the title of *Great*; and in the opinion of a superstitious age enrolled him among the gods. **SOLO**n and **LYCURGUS** acquired immortal renown for their wisdom as legislators. Nobility was considered a poor reward for **CHATHAM**'s merit as a statesman. **SULLY** has been justly celebrated for cultivating the arts of peace. These talents all centred in our great Countryman, without their kindred vices, rashness, severity, pride or supineness.

JUDGING the conduct of others by the inadequate standard

formed in their own narrow minds, there were not wanting those, who, at one time, dared even to question his ability for the command of our revolutionary army. The *Fabian* policy which induced him to avoid a decisive engagement with the invading enemy, at that time drew upon him an ill-judged imputation of timidity and indecision. But the illusion was transitory. It was soon perceived that the error was in the optics of his accusers; that the mist of ignorance which had enveloped them had never obscured the sunshine of intelligence which constantly beamed on him. This very conduct is now universally acknowledged to be among the most decisive proofs of his greatness; without which, the issue of the contest, if not ruinous to our country, would at best have been extremely problematical. His penetration taught him that his countrymen were daily becoming more formidable, by experience in discipline and the duties of the camp; by habits of danger and an increasing knowledge of the art of war; while none of these advantages attached to their enemies. Remote from the source of supplies, their subsistence was precarious; and the waste of troops, necessarily occasioned by the casualties of war, was repaired with difficulty. To them, therefore, delay was defeat. Regardless of the mistaken or invidious suggestions which his prudence might draw upon him, he discerned the path of safety for his country, and steadily pursued it. It is strange that at that period his courage or his conduct could have been distrusted. Previous to that, at a time when the clouds of despondency overspread our hemisphere with their deepest shade, when despair had almost lost her energy, he had in person, with a handful of troops, gallantly surprised, defeated, and captured a numerous enemy at Trenton; and, eluding the vigilance of an army sufficiently powerful to have crushed him, again astonished his adversaries by the brilliant victory at Princeton. On that memorable occasion he at one moment exhibited a spectacle anxiously interesting to his companions in arms. From the necessity of rallying a disordered part of his troops, he intrepidly placed himself in their front, and led them on to the charge. More eager to repair their disgrace than attentive to the peril

of his personal situation, they rashly renewed the engagement while he was at their head; and thus he was for some time exposed to the fire of both the contending armies.

BUT whatever ungenerous surmises might at any time have been indulged by the heedless or envious, the voice of murmuring had been silenced before the victory at Monmouth. After that event he was the object of uninterrupted confidence to his country, and of terror to her foes; till, by annihilating the power of the invaders by the splendid reduction of Yorktown, he put a glorious period to the war; and the admiring world pronounced his character as a general consummate.

HAVING finished his military career, and entered on the tranquil scenes of retirement, for which he had a peculiar fondness, it seemed generally to be thought that his public life was finished. As yet, however, he had executed but in part Heaven's high commission. Few, perhaps, had hitherto perceived in him that universality of mind which has enabled him successfully to adorn every station he has filled. Modest and unassuming in his deportment, he never indulged in a pompous display of talents unimportant to the duties before him; but, unfolding them as exigencies required, he was always equal to the occasion. When the deserved partiality of the electors in his native State delegated him to the General Convention, and the respect of that body placed him in their chair, he there discovered the qualities of a great Legislator, and eminently contributed to the production of that instrument, which is justly considered a model of political wisdom, and which, we trust, will long secure that Liberty which his valour had achieved.

As a statesman he was yet untried. But gratitude for his services, respect for his character, and confidence in his integrity, impelled his fellow-citizens, with one consent, to elevate him to the dignity of President. As if this had been his peculiar province, he here shone with unrivalled lustre. His administration was a satire on those who are born to rule. Making the general good the sole object of his pursuit, and carefully distinguishing the attention which was due from him as an individual to the claims of relation and friendship, from

the duties he owed to the public, he never yielded to the influence of private partiality, nor stooped to the low policy of aggrandizing his family by the gifts of office. He bestowed employments on those only who added to integrity the qualities necessary to discharge them. Patient in investigation, and cautious in research, he formed his resolutions with deliberation, and executed them with decision. Conscious of the purity of his motives, and satisfied with the propriety of his determinations; duly estimating also the sacred duty of maintaining the constitutional rights of his office, he was not to be soothed into dishonourable compliance by the blandishments of flattery nor diverted from his purposes by the terror of numbers, or the imposing weight of public character. When a revolution, unprecedented in its kind, had involved the European world in confusion, and the flame of war was spreading into other quarters of the globe, neither the insidious attempts of the emissaries of France, nor the treacherous arts of her American adherents, could induce him to hazard our quiet. Though himself a soldier, and equal to the emergencies of war, he perceived not only that the true interests of his country, but justice and humanity, enjoined a continuance of peace. He therefore wisely adjusted the misunderstandings which threatened our tranquillity, and resolved on a strict neutrality. Our own experience, and the events which have since transpired in other countries, have fully justified the measure. Yet, strange to tell, disappointed faction, despairing of success in an impeachment of his discernment or understanding, has dared here to arraign the purity of his motives. Circumstances seem to have placed him beyond the reach of suspicion. His wealth was more than sufficient for all the purposes of splendid enjoyment; he had no posterity to inherit hereditary honours; and he was surely too wise not to know that a crown would tarnish his glory; that his own reputation was inseparably connected with the prosperity of his country; that his fame would mount no higher than her eagle could soar. What more than he possessed, could ambition pant for? What further had the world to bestow? Where then are these accusers, these self-imagined models of perfection, who can show us where

WASHINGTON was wrong, where they would have conducted with more wisdom and integrity? Do they too join the general acclamations, or are they silent? If there are those upon earth who renounce all pretensions to morality, who disclaim the obligations of gratitude, who dare even refuse to ascribe glory to GOD (and we have too much evidence of the melancholy fact), can a mortal expect justice from them? But how transcendent must be that greatness which either extorts applause from its enemies, or awes them into silence!

ABOUT to relinquish the toils of his arduous station, and retire once more to that domestic repose which he had left with reluctance, and which his declining years now seemed to require, he could not close his public life without an act peculiarly appropriate to his character, and which fully demonstrates that ardent attachment to his country which governed all his conduct. His farewell advice discloses an intimate knowledge of the internal concerns, foreign relations, present and future interests of the United States, sufficient of itself to have entitled its author to fame. But when it is considered as the result of an intelligence adequate to the subject, as the fruit of personal experience matured by profound meditation, and in which no motive could have operated but the welfare and glory of the nation, we may safely pronounce it an oracle of political truth; a palladium, which, while carefully preserved, will perpetuate our Union and Independence; an amulet, which, if constantly improved, will render the body politic invulnerable, we might almost say immortal.

IN WASHINGTON occurred a union, rarely to be found, of greatness and goodness. Courage, wisdom, and magnanimity, those eminent qualities, which embrace the whole community in their operation, were not those only which distinguished his character. He was equally remarkable for the less splendid, though not less amiable virtues, which more immediately respected himself, his family, and friends. However the abundance of his means, or his long and familiar intercourse with the world, might have exposed him to temptation, he preserved his morals not only pure, but even unsullied by the breath of suspicion. How-

ever the applause of mankind, and the wealth and honours which Fortune, no longer blind, bestowed on him with a liberal hand, might have attached him to the world, he never forgot that he was mortal and destined to another state of existence. In him religion was a steady principle of action. It not only taught him fortitude in danger, and patience under misfortunes, but instructed him in the yet harder lesson of moderation, of even humility in the full swell of prosperity. How often does history inform us of commanders, transported with the tide of success, and grown giddy in its eddies, forgetting their dependence, and arrogating even divine honours! As a counterpart to this, our annals may record the concluding passage of the general orders, published on the surrender of Yorktown: "Divine service shall be performed, to-morrow, in the different brigades and divisions. The Commander in Chief recommends that all the troops that are not upon duty do assist at it with a serious deportment, and that sensibility of heart which the recollection of the surprising and particular interposition of Providence in our favour, claims."

THAT WASHINGTON was affectionate and endearing in his conjugal relation, the anguish of his widowed wife sufficiently evinces; and no language can do so much justice to her sensibility as her own affecting answer to the condolence of Congress, and her more recent return of thanks for those expressions of sympathy, which you, my respected Brethren, thought it your duty to communicate to her.¹ That he was compassionate and humane, is honourably told by the tears of his disconsolate domestics. That he was benevolent, his emancipated slaves will long remember, and even their posterity acknowledge with gratitude. How amiable, how consistent, is the character of this illustrious man! Himself, the champion of political freedom, he disdained to hold his fellow-creatures in abject domestic servitude. An advocate for mild and equal laws, he disclaimed the right of unlimited control over the actions of others. Not satisfied with barely restoring to them that freedom, of which, in

¹ See Appendix.

common with their countrymen, a cruel policy had deprived them, but yielding to the claims of justice, though unaided by law, he gave them in a freehold the hire that had not been stipulated, and blest them at once with competency and independence. Highly honourable would it be to our fellow-citizens in the South, if this magnanimous example should have its proper effect; if, in their treatment of the wretches subjected to their power, they would emulate the benevolence of WASHINGTON; if, obedient like him to the voice of humanity, justice, and religion, they would abandon the savage claim of holding human beings in slavery, and repeal every statute in their code which countenances a principle so derogatory to the laws of Freemen.

HAVING already contemplated such a variety of distinguishing features in this great and amiable character, does it still admit of addition? Is there room in the portrait for another trace of the faithful pencil, that will increase its beauty? Yes, my Brethren, to us another and no less interesting view remains. Animated with a generous philanthropy, our deceased Brother early sought admission into our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, at once to enable him to cherish with advantage this heavenly principle, and enlarge the sphere of its operation. He cultivated our art with sedulous attention, and never lost an opportunity of advancing the interest or promoting the honour of the *Craft*. While Commander in Chief of the American revolutionary army, he countenanced the establishment and encouraged the labours of a travelling Lodge among the military. He wisely considered it as a school of urbanity, well calculated to disseminate those mild virtues of the heart, so ornamental to the human character, and so peculiarly useful to correct the ferocity of soldiers, and alleviate the miseries of war. The cares of his high office engrossed too much of his time to admit of his engaging in the duties of the chair; yet he found frequent opportunities to visit the Lodge, and thought it no derogation from his dignity there to stand on a *level* with the Brethren. True to our principles on all occasions, an incident once occurred which enabled him to display their influence to his foes. A body of American troops, in some successful rencounter with the enemy,

possessed themselves, among other booty, of the jewels and furniture of a British travelling Lodge of Masons. This property was directed by the Commander in Chief to be returned under a flag of truce to its former proprietors, accompanied with a message, purporting that the Americans did not make war upon institutions of benevolence.

Of his attachment to our Order in general you, my respected Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth, have had personal knowledge. His answers to your repeated addresses breathe throughout the spirit of brotherly love; and his affectionate return of thanks for the Book of Constitutions, which you presented him, and for the honour, as he was pleased to consider it, which you did him in the dedication, must be evidence highly satisfactory of the respectful estimation in which he held you. The information received from our Brethren, who had the happiness to be members of the Lodge over which he presided many years, and of which he died the Master, furnishes abundant proof of his persevering zeal for the prosperity of the Institution. Constant and punctual in his attendance, scrupulous in his observance of the regulations of the Lodge, and solicitous at all times to communicate light and instruction, he discharged the duties of the Chair with uncommon dignity and intelligence in all the mysteries of our art. Nothing can more highly conduce to the prosperity and honour of Masonry, than a successful imitation of this bright example. It cannot fail of its effect upon our Brethren in its immediate neighbourhood in the South; they will beautify their column. And shall we be outdone in zeal? Placed geographically in the east, in a quarter of the Union from which the nation has been accustomed to learn wisdom, it should be our peculiar care to diffuse light through the temple of Masonry. As it is known that we shared largely in the esteem and affection of our deceased Brother, it is easy to perceive that our good conduct will itself be an encomium on his memory. We see before us, among the sad emblems of mortality, not only the sword which in this neighbourhood he drew in defence of his country, but also the very attire which he has often worn as a Mason. How devoutly

is it to be wished, that these striking memorials may stimulate us to a noble emulation; that, like the mantle of Elijah, they may inspire us with an unalterable attachment to virtue and benevolence! This day witnesses to the world in what veneration we hold the memory of departed greatness. Let not the solemnity be without its appropriate effect upon ourselves. While with funeral pomp and Masonic honours we celebrate the obsequies of our deceased Brother, while we bend with anguish over the urn which contains a part of what was mortal in him,¹ let us like him remember, that we are animated with a heavenly flame, which the chill damps of death cannot extinguish; like him, resolve to *square* our actions by the *rules* of rectitude, persevere in the *line* of our duty, and restrain our passions within the *compass* of propriety, knowing that the *all-seeing Eye* of our *Supreme Grand Master* above continually observes us: That when we shall have performed the task assigned us here, we may like him be *called from our work to the refreshments* which alone can satisfy our immortal desires: That when we put off this earthly *cloathing*, we may be arrayed with the garments of glory, put on the *jewels* of light, and shine forever in the sublime *arch* above.

APPENDIX.

An ADDRESS

Of the GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, for the Commonwealth of MASSACHUSETTS, to their Honoured and Illustrious Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON.

WHILST the historian is describing the career of your glory, and the inhabitants of our extensive empire are made happy in your unexampled exertions; while some celebrate the HERO, so distinguished in liberating United America; and others, the PATRIOT who presides over her councils — a BAND OF BROTHERS,

* ¹A lock of General WASHINGTON's hair was deposited in the urn borne in the Masonic funeral procession on the occasion. See Appendix.

having always joined the acclamations of their countrymen, now testify their respect for those milder virtues which have ever graced the MAN.

TAUGHT by the precepts of our Society, that all its members *stand upon a level*, we venture to assume this station, and to approach you with that freedom which diminishes our diffidence without lessening our respect.

DESIROUS to enlarge the boundaries of social happiness, and to vindicate the ceremonies of their institutions, this Grand Lodge have published a *Book of Constitutions*, (and a copy for your acceptance accompanies this,) which, by discovering the principles that actuate, will speak the eulogy of the Society; though they fervently wish the conduct of its members may prove its higher commendation.

CONVINCED of his attachment to its cause, and readiness to encourage its benevolent designs, they have taken the liberty to dedicate this work to ONE, the qualities of whose heart, and the actions of whose life, have contributed to improve personal virtue, and extend throughout the world the most endearing cordialities; and they humbly hope he will pardon this freedom, and accept the tribute of their esteem and homage.

MAY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE protect and bless you, give you length of days and increase of felicity in this world, and then receive you to the harmonious and exalted society in heaven.

(Signed,)

JOHN CUTLER, *Grand Master*.

JOSIAH BARTLETT, } *Grand Wardens*.
MUNGO MACKAY, }

Boston, December 27, A.D. 1792.

The ANSWER

*To the GRAND LODGE OF THE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,
for the Commonwealth of MASSACHUSETTS.*

FLATTERING as it may be to the human mind, and truly honourable as it is, to receive from our fellow-citizens testimonies

of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles are founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice.

To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy the benevolent design of a Masonic Institution, and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

WHILE I beg your acceptance of my thanks for the "Book of Constitutions" which you have sent me, and for the honour you have done me in the dedication, permit me to assure you that I feel all those emotions of gratitude which your affectionate address and cordial wishes are calculated to inspire. And I sincerely pray that the GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE may bless you here, and receive you hereafter in his immortal Temple.

(Signed)

G. WASHINGTON.

The EAST, the WEST, and the SOUTH, of the GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS of the Commonwealth of MASSACHUSETTS, to their Most Worthy Brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON.

WISHING ever to be foremost in testimonials of respect and admiration for those virtues and services with which you have so long adorned and benefited our common country; and not the last nor least to regret the cessation of them in the public councils of the Union; your Brethren of the Grand Lodge embrace the earliest opportunity of greeting you in the calm retirement you have contemplated to yourself.

THOUGH, as *Citizens*, they lose you in the active labours of political life, they hope as *Masons* to find you in the pleasing sphere of fraternal engagement. From the cares of State and

the fatigues of public business, our Institution opens a recess, affording all the relief of tranquillity, the harmony of peace, and the refreshment of pleasure; of these may you partake in all their purity and satisfaction; and we will assure ourselves that your attachment to this social plan will increase, and that under the auspices of your encouragement, assistance, and patronage, the Craft will attain the highest ornament, perfection, and praise. And it is our ardent prayer, that when your light shall be no more visible in this Earthly Temple, you may be raised to the ALL-PERFECT LODGE above; be seated on the right of the SUPREME ARCHITECT of the UNIVERSE, and there receive the refreshment your labours have merited.

In behalf of the Grand Lodge, we subscribe ourselves, with the highest esteem,

Your affectionate Brethren,

PAUL REVERE, *Grand Master.*

ISAIAH THOMAS, *Senior Grand Warden.*

JOSEPH LAUGHTON, *Junior Grand Warden.*

DANIEL OLIVER, *Grand Secretary.*

Boston, March 21, 1797.

*To the GRAND LODGE of ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS of the Commonwealth of MASSACHUSETTS.*

BROTHERS, It was not until these few days, that I have been favoured by the receipt of your affectionate address, dated in Boston the 21st of March.

For the favourable sentiments you have been pleased to express on the occasion of my past services, and for the regrets with which they are accompanied for the cessation of my public functions, I pray you to accept my best acknowledgments and gratitude.

No pleasure, except that which results from a consciousness of having, to the utmost of my abilities, discharged the trust which has been reposed in me by my country, can equal the satisfaction I feel from the unequivocal proofs I continually receive of its approbation of my public conduct, and I beg you to be

assured, that the evidence therefore, which is exhibited by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, is not among the least pleasing or grateful to my feelings.

IN that retirement which declining years induced me to seek, and which repose, to a mind long employed in public concerns, rendered necessary, my wishes that bounteous Providence will continue to bless and preserve our country in peace, and in the prosperity it has enjoyed, will be warm and sincere; and my attachment to the society of which we are Members will dispose me always to contribute my best endeavours to promote the honour and interest of the *Craft*.

FOR the prayer you offer in my behalf, I entreat you to accept the thanks of a grateful heart, with the assurance of my fraternal regard, and best wishes for the honour, happiness, and prosperity of all the members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

G. WASHINGTON.

Boston, January 11, 1800.

MADAM, — THE Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have deeply participated in the general grief of their fellow-citizens, on the melancholy occasion of the death of their beloved WASHINGTON.

As Americans, they have lamented the loss of the Chief who had led their armies to victory, and their country to glory; but as *Masons*, they have wept the dissolution of that endearing relation, by which they were enabled to call him *their Friend* and their Brother. They presume not to offer you those consolations which might alleviate the weight of common sorrows, for they are themselves inconsolable. The object of this address is, not to interrupt the sacred offices of grief like yours; but, whilst they are mingling tears with each other on the common calamity, to condole with you on the irreparable misfortune which you have individually experienced.

To their expressions of sympathy on this solemn dispensation, the Grand Lodge have subjoined an order, that a *Golden*

Urn be prepared as a deposit for a lock of hair, *an invaluable relique* of the Hero and the Patriot whom their wishes would immortalize; and that it be preserved with the jewels and regalia of the Society.

SHOULD the favour be granted, Madam, it will be cherished as the most precious jewel in the Cabinet of the Lodge, as the memory of his virtues will forever be in the hearts of its members.

We have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

Your most obedient Servants,

JOHN WARREN,

PAUL REVERE,

JOSIAH BARTLETT.

MRS. MARTHA WASHINGTON.

MOUNT VERNON, January 27, 1800.

GENTLEMEN, — MRS. WASHINGTON has received with sensibility your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing a vote of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, requesting a *lock* of her deceased husband's *hair*, to be preserved in a *Golden Urn*, with the jewels and regalia of the Grand Lodge.

In complying with this request, by sending the lock of hair, which you will find enclosed, Mrs. WASHINGTON begs me to assure you, that she views with gratitude the tributes of respect and affection paid to the memory of her dear deceased husband; and receives, with a feeling heart, the expressions of sympathy contained in your letter.

With great respect and esteem,

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

TOBIAS LEAR.

JOHN WARREN,

PAUL REVERE,

JOSIAH BARTLETT,

} *Past Grand Masters.*

THE GRAND FEAST.

One hundred and sixty-nine Brethren participated in the Annual Festival of Saint John the Evangelist, and it proved to be one of the most interesting and enjoyable festivals ever held by the Grand Lodge. It had been decided not to report the speeches made by the eminent Brethren present; but the demand for the opening remarks of the Grand Master, and the address of R.W. Solon W. Stevens, to be printed in the notice of the Grand Feast, was so strongly expressed, that these are here printed for the gratification of the Brethren. These were deemed especially important, as setting forth the great foundation truth of our belief in God and the immortality of the soul, and a strong protest against the recent action of the Grand Orient of France.

The Brethren having taken their places at the well-furnished tables, the Divine blessing was invoked by W. Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D.D., Grand Chaplain.

At the conclusion of the temporal feast, the

Grand Master proposed the first regular toast, "To the memory of the holy Saints John."

Before proposing the next regular toast, "To the memory of Washington," the Grand Master made a few remarks, and closed by saying: —

Those who have assembled at this Feast believe, and have as Masons solemnly declared their belief, in a Supreme Being, — not a Pantheistic Entity, where the creature and the Creator are confusedly and unintelligibly mingled, and the latter confounded and lost in the former; but a personal, omnipotent God, the Creator of all things, whose paternal benevolence watches over all his creatures, in whom all can put their trust, and to whom all can appeal, as to a father, if trouble and affliction befall them. There is no skeleton at this Feast, or at any other Masonic Feast, to throw a shadow over its pleasures; the cup of innocent enjoyment may be drained to the bottom and no dregs found within; for this is not a meeting of those who, when they part, part as if to meet no more, — of miserable beings whose only moments of happiness are temporary ones, to be closed by annihilation. Such meetings as these are only harbingers of those future meetings, to be looked forward to exultingly, when friends and brothers will meet in the Grand Lodge above, after faith has been lost in sight, and hope has ended in fruition, —

"While circling time rolls round in an eternal sphere."

The Grand Master called up the various speakers in a most felicitous manner, and the remarks made were exceedingly appropriate and instructive. R.W.

Solon W. Stevens, of Lowell, District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, having been introduced, with very flattering remarks by the Grand Master, spoke as follows:—

M.W. GRAND MASTER, —I thank you for the compliment implied in calling upon me to speak on this occasion. I know of but one thing that could have gratified me more. As Mr. Charles Dudley Warner said at the Whittier banquet a few evenings ago, there is but one thing more gratifying than to be called upon to make an after-dinner speech, and that is not to be called upon at all. I shall not attempt to say much in this presence, nor shall I, after listening to the eloquent words which have fallen upon our ears, be guilty of attempting the futile task of “gilding refined gold.” But since my superior officer has called me to the floor, I am in duty bound to respond as best I may. For myself, I believe the Institution of Freemasonry never stood higher in the estimation of an intelligent community than it does to-day. Notwithstanding there are some, high in official station, who do not magnify their office; notwithstanding the financial depression of the times; notwithstanding the dead-weights and impostors who, like the daughters of the horse-leech, cry Give! Give! and thus reflect disgrace upon the honest and respectable poor, never in my estimation were the interests of the Order dearer to the hearts of its members than at the present hour; and when I hear of the revilings and sneers popular in certain quarters, I am reminded of the prayer, said to have been once uttered in Grand Lodge by Father Taylor: “May God in his mercy grant that the time will soon come, when the hearts of the enemies of Freemasonry shall become as soft as their heads.”

When, at some future day, the historian shall sit down to write

the history of the times in which we live, and with the scrutiny of a philosopher shall attempt to give the reasons for the reconciliation between the different sections of a once *almost*-divided country, he must, if he be faithful in his duty, give no small degree of credit to the Institution of Freemasonry. During the recent visit of President Hayes to the State of Virginia, a spectator, an acknowledged Anti-Mason, in describing the procession that passed in review before the distinguished guest, writes these words: "At last came the Brotherhood of Freemasons. I used to regard their gaudy wrappings and apparently useless ceremonies as simply so much meaningless mummary; but when I learned that during the dark days of the war the extended hand grasped the hand of a Brother even when an enemy; when I knew that for the relief of suffering the oaths of the Order were found binding on hearts not moved by the principles of our holy religion, I learned to reverence the Brotherhood, and now heartily bid them God-speed in their splendid mission of mercy around the world." I once heard Mr. Wendell Phillips say that previous to the attack upon Fort Sumter there was a line running across the country called Mason's and Dixon's line, but when the smoke from the first guns of the attack had cleared away, the line had *vanished*. When the smoke of the partisanship and the strife of the present hour shall have passed away there will be *found* a line stretching from the North to the South, — the silver line of friendship running from the hearts of Brethren here across the chasm to the hearts of kindred there, joining thus inseparably the interests of those whose lives upon profession of faith have been plummed and levelled and squared.

One other point. I believe that the doctrines taught by the symbolism of Freemasonry are not only in accordance with the profoundest scholarship of the times, but that, upon reflection,

it will be found that they are serving in some degree as a check to the courses of materialism and false liberalism which are insinuating themselves into the crevices of the bulwark of our Christian faith. I know I am now approaching what by some is in these days considered debatable ground. I do not mean that Freemasonry is religion, and that the Lodge-room is a church. But if the lessons taught in our Ritual mean anything, I believe they teach unmistakably, trust in God, the duty of an aspiration to a higher life, and the immortality of the soul. If the atheistic evolutionist avows that in the name of Science these doctrines have been exploded, that man, once a monkey, *evolved* by a "creative principle," is at last simply dust, and the after-life simply a fancy, my answer is, that the highest authority in scientific thought to-day, the ripest scholarship in this country and in Germany, has proved, not from the theologian's stand-point, but from the scientific point of view, that the fundamental truths of the Bible, relative to the existence of God, and the immortality of the soul, are undeniably true. Freemasonry, resting on the Bible as its corner-stone, teaches by its own peculiar, beautiful symbolism these fundamental truths, therein contained, and claims *morality* as its vital essence and central idea. For myself, I as a Mason must believe in these doctrines, rather than in what Carlyle calls the "philosophy of dirt;" and if it be a delusion, it is one which I hope may always enwrap me in its encircling folds. By it I am led to believe that death is not a "leap in the dark." By it I am brought to surrender to that faith, of which William Cullen Bryant gave a beautiful expression not long ago, when sitting in the vestibule of his summer home at the close of a mild autumn day. Glancing upward, he chanced to see a swallow migrating through the heavens toward the South. Giving vent to the emotions of his heart, he exclaimed:—

“ He who from zone to zone
Guides through the boundless sky thy certain flight,
In the long way which I must tread alone,
Will guide my steps aright ! ”

The cultured pleasure-seeker, as he wanders through the art-gallery in the beautiful city of Dresden, may for a moment feel weary and perplexed on account of the variety and brilliancy of the scene around him. But when he reaches the little chamber, where is found the world-famous picture called the Sistine Madonna; he forgets his fatigue, and stands rooted to the spot with delight. Why? Because, upon close inspection, he finds an interior as well as exterior beauty in the picture. For, in the background behind the Mother and the Child, the artist has painted innumerable blissful faces, gazing with delight toward an ineffable but unseen Holy. Thus is the spectator led through a series of pleasurable emotions up to the contemplation of the highest themes. Similar to this, I have often thought, is the emotion experienced by a careful study of the Ritual of our Order. Reaching back by its history to an almost chaotic past, extending forward by its symbolism to a future which imagination cannot comprehend, from the beginning to the end it holds the heart of the student in submission and reverence to the Holy of Holies.

Permit me, sir, in closing, to offer the following sentiment: May there be seen in the life of every member of this Grand Lodge three distinguishing characteristics; may they be worn like frontlets on the brow, written there so plainly that “he who runs may read,” — unswerving integrity, impartial judgment, and a spotless name, — these three, typified as they are by the prominent emblems of our Order, — the plumb, the level, and the square. Thus may they realize, in some degree, that ideal

manhood which England's poet-laureate so truthfully describes, whereby we are taught to reverence the

“ Conscience as the King,
To break the heathen and uphold the Christ,
To ride abroad redressing human wrongs,
To speak no slander, no, nor listen to it.
.
But teach high thought, and amiable words
And courtliness, and the desire of fame
And love of truth, and all that makes a man.”

At the close of the Feast, the Brethren, having united in singing “Auld Lang Syne,” separated with renewed confidence in the solid foundation which supports our Temple, and with a renewed purpose to labor zealously for the good of the Order.

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,
ABSTRACTS OF RETURNS OF LODGES, LODGES
IN MASONIC DISTRICTS, LIST OF LODGES
AND SECRETARIES, PAST OFFICERS AND
PERMANENT MEMBERS, AND ORGAN-
IZATION OF THE GRAND
LODGE FOR 1878.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Boston, November 28, 1877.

*To PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Esq., M.W. Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Massachusetts : —*

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER,—I herewith submit the second report of my doings as D.D.G.M., together with my official Returns of Lodges, as made in conformity with the Returns made to me by the several organizations composing my District. Since my last report I have made various unofficial visits to the different Lodges, and have found them in as flourishing a condition as we could expect, considering the continued depression in business and the consequent falling off in the number of applicants for the degrees. This falling off has extended to nearly all of the Lodges in my District, only three of which have returned as many initiates as last year. The result is a corresponding decline in the dues payable to the Grand Lodge, amounting to about twelve and three quarters per cent., or an average of about fifteen dollars each, for the twelve Lodges composing my District last year. The addition of Joseph Webb Lodge this year has reduced the percentage to about seven and a quarter per cent. As this Lodge was not constituted until March last, the Returns of that Body cover only about five months of the year, which should be taken into consideration when judging of its prosperity. In February last I addressed a letter to each of the presiding Masters, urging upon them the necessity of requiring some official evidence of good standing, in addition to the regular examination, from all visiting Brethren (not otherwise vouched for), in accordance with your decision upon that point.

During the year I have granted but three Dispensations to confer degrees out of the regular order, good and sufficient reasons therefor having been presented. In one case, where the request was made entirely for the convenience of the candidate, I was obliged to withhold my consent.

During the months of October and November I have officially visited the thirteen Lodges composing my district, in accordance with Sect. 10 of Art. VIII., Part I., of the Grand Constitutions.

In all of the Lodges I was received with that spirit of brotherly love and loyalty to the Grand Lodge which has thus far characterized the Lodges of the First District.

It would be wearisome to you should I attempt to speak of each Lodge in detail; I can only say, every thing appeared to be as it should be, except, perhaps, a lack of attendance upon the part of some of the Lodges. This I could but regret, for it exhibits not only a want of interest, but is very discouraging to the officers, who have studied so hard to perform their labors well. The youngest Lodge in the District (Joseph Webb) was most fortunate in this respect, for I found all the members present but two, together with one hundred and ninety-five visitors. The officers of the various Lodges appear to be working for the best interests of our much-loved Order, and are strenuous in their exertions to maintain the good name and dignity of Massachusetts Masonry. I had a full opportunity to make the proper examinations, every facility being generously afforded me to do so. The amount due the Grand Lodge was paid promptly in every instance.

In making my official visitations I have been assisted by the presiding Masters of the various Lodges, who have served me as Deputy Grand Wardens, and I have also been accompanied by a large number of Past Masters, and other prominent Masons, who continue to manifest their interest in our Order, and who gave dignity and character to my visitations by their presence.

While I am under great obligations to them all for their courtesy, I feel that I am specially indebted to Worshipful

Brother J. M. Rodocanachi, Worshipful Brother Henry J. Parker, and Brother Robert C. Nichols, who have served me regularly as Treasurer, Secretary, and Marshal. Much of the success of my visitations has been attributable to the able manner in which they have performed their duties.

With thanks for your confidence in me, together with feelings of profound respect for you,

I am fraternally yours,

HENRY G. FAY,
D.D.G.M. First Masonic District.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Boston, November 9, 1877.

To PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I herewith transmit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District for the closing Masonic year. I have officially visited all the Lodges in the District, with the exception of Robert Lash Lodge ; unavoidable absence from the city prevented my making my anticipated visit to that Lodge, and R.W. Bro. William H. Kent kindly consented to act for me, and I beg to tender him my acknowledgments for the favor. I have from him a very favorable report from the Lodge. My visits have all been of a gratifying nature. I have been cordially received as your representative, and my authority has uniformly been acknowledged and respected. I have found the Lodges, without exception, in a healthy and prosperous condition ; a good degree of union prevails, — not the union of indifference and want of interest, but the union of hearts which is engendered by love for the cause and love for one another. The exhibit of the work was of a very satisfactory character, and was as a whole quite as near the standard as it can reasonably be expected to reach. Quite a number of the Lodges require the candidate to pass a strict examination on the

preceding, before he can advance to a succeeding degree, and in every instance it was a matter of surprise to witness the remarkable degree of perfection to which they had attained, showing a knowledge of the lectures that a very large proportion of the old members of the Lodges would hardly be able to match. The depression in the business world continues to operate unfavorably upon the financial condition of the Lodges. The number of initiated (fifty-one) is somewhat smaller than that of last year, while the deceased, dimitted, and discharged (sixty) is larger than a year ago. Consequently the Returns to the Grand Lodge will be less than formerly. But as an increase in numbers is not always an evidence of prosperity so a decrease may not be an evidence of weakness. I believe that while we may have been contracting, we may at the same time have been strengthening, our lines. I have granted two Dispensations for conferring the degrees out of regular course, for reasons which seemed to me to be sufficient for dispensing with the established rule of the Grand Lodge. I know of no changes that require special mention at this time. Now, my dear Brother, at the close of my third year as District Deputy Grand Master, the intimate association which I have held with you will cease, and I cannot allow the occasion to pass without expressing to you my heartfelt thanks for the uniform kindness and courtesy with which you have treated me, and for the honor you have conferred upon me, once and again, by reappointing me to this honorable and responsible position, and to assure you that each succeeding day has increased my respect and my love for you; and I doubt not that I shall continue to look back upon my associations with you as one of the brightest spots of my life. I also wish to record my high appreciation of the kindness of Bros. McClellan and Titus, who have always had a pleasant smile and a kind word of encouragement for me when I have officially or fraternally called upon them.

Fraternally yours,

FRANCIS CHILDS,
D.D.G. Master Second Masonic District.

THIRD DISTRICT.

EAST BOSTON, November, 1877.

*To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of Masons
in Massachusetts: —*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — Another year of pleasant official duty under your administration has drawn to a close, and with feelings of the highest gratification I submit to you my second annual report as your District Deputy in the Third Masonic District.

I have visited the twelve Lodges comprising this District, officially, with a full suite, and unofficially, and can only speak in commendation of them. Upon inspection I have found the Charters of the several Lodges well preserved, By-Laws approved, and the Records well and faithfully kept.

I have also witnessed a specimen of the work in each Lodge, with satisfaction at its correctness; it has uniformly met my cordial approbation.

Very few Dispensations have been granted, and those only upon presentation of satisfactory reasons.

With peculiar pleasure I am enabled to report that the most perfect harmony and brotherly love continue to exist in all the Lodges, and that nothing has occurred to weaken, in the least, the sacred tie that should always hold our noble Brotherhood in indissoluble fraternal bonds. Consequently, it is hardly necessary to say that the Lodges are in a most excellent working condition, and I am confident will compare favorably in point of accuracy with those of any District under your jurisdiction.

For the kindly receptions accorded me, and the pleasant interviews enjoyed, I return to the Brethren in my District my most sincere thanks; and will also take this occasion to express my gratitude to the Brothers who have so faithfully served as my suite. Especially would I recognize the services of W. Brother Martin M. Hancock, who has so efficiently performed the arduous duties of Marshal of the District.

The Third District has suffered severely during the past year

in the death of several faithful and valuable members, to two of whom I feel impelled to make special reference. Right Worshipful Brother Charles Jarvis Danforth, who was my predecessor in this office, was a devoted Mason, and an honored citizen. His memory will ever be affectionately and sacredly cherished in our Brotherhood, and the good influence which he exerted will live on and bless us, though he has gone to be forever in the presence of the Grand Master of us all. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. Blessed be our departed Brother whose whole life was a living diploma of truth, goodness, and godliness. God keep his memory green, and bless the influence thereof in our hearts.

Worshipful Brother Richard M. Ingalls, of Baalbec Lodge, passed on to the higher life but a few days since, leaving a bright record with his Brethren as an honored and beloved Mason. His memory will also be dearly cherished by the Brethren with whom he was intimately associated. Our Order has lost a devoted and efficient Brother, and the community an honored and faithful citizen. Truly "The memory of the just is blessed."

In closing this report I desire to express to you my heartfelt thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, and the confidence you have reposed in me, in thus for the second time constituting me your representative in the Third Masonic District, and I trust that my humble services may meet with your approval. That you may be spared for yet many years of usefulness in our ancient, venerated and beloved Order, is the sincere wish of yours,

In the bonds of fraternal love,

SETH C. AMES,
D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

WESTVALE, December 10, 1877.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I herewith submit to you a report of my second year as District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourth Masonic District.

Before making my official visits I read the Records and examined the Returns of each Lodge. In most cases the Records were full and complete. In the few instances in which I felt called upon to make some suggestions they were kindly received, and will, I think, be adopted.

The dues to the Grand Lodge were promptly paid at the time of my visits.

The amount of work has been less than last year, — three Lodges having done nothing.

The exhibition of work at my visits was very satisfactory in all the Lodges.

No Exemplifications have been held, as the ordinary means have supplied all needed instruction.

No Dispensations have been requested. I found the Charters all well preserved, and the By-Laws properly approved.

Owing to a sudden and severe illness, I was unable to visit Fraternity Lodge on the appointed evening; but the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Charles A. Welch, kindly offered to make the visit for me.

I am indebted to many Brethren who have made especial sacrifices to attend me in these visits.

I have enjoyed renewing the acquaintance, made a year ago, and making others.

Grateful for your second appointment to this pleasant as well as important and honorable office, and with increased interest in our beloved Fraternity,

I remain, respectfully and truly yours,

EDWARD C. DAMON,

D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

LYNN, November 30, 1877.

*To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Massachusetts : —*

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I herewith submit a report of my doings as D.D.G.M. of the Fifth Masonic District for the year ending this day.

I have made unofficial visits to some of the Lodges, and have witnessed with pleasure the work of the several degrees.

I have officially visited all the Lodges in the District, and made the usual examination required of the District Deputy.

Much attention is being given to the work, and in this respect there is a general improvement, and in quite a number of the Lodges the work appears to be as nearly perfect as it will be possible to attain.

Much credit is due the officers of the various Lodges for the careful attention and study they have evidently given in order to perfect themselves in the work and ritual. On the occasion of every visitation I have invited Past Masters and experienced Brethren to join my staff, for the pleasure of whose society and assistance I hereby make acknowledgments.

I trust others will pardon me, if I make special mention of Brother James A. Hollis, of Golden Fleece Lodge, who has attended me upon my visitations in the capacity of Marshal.

When the circumstances have seemed to justify it I have granted Dispensations to confer the degrees out of the regular course. In all the Lodges I have found the Charters well and carefully preserved, the By-Laws approved, and a copy presented in every Lodge.

The Records I found fully and neatly kept, and in some of them a copy of neatness, and evidence of artistic skill seldom attained.

I have received the Grand Lodge Returns from each Lodge, and transmitted the same to the Grand Treasurer.

My visits have been a pleasure to me. I have felt that my presence was welcomed by the Brethren, and I have found a spirit of loyalty to the Grand Lodge.

Thanking you for the honor conferred and for the confidence placed in me, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM C. MAXWELL,
D.D.G.M. Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

NEWBURYPORT, December 8, 1877.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR, — I have the honor to submit herewith my third annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District.

I have visited officially each of the thirteen Lodges in this District, made personal inspection of their Charters, Records, and By-Laws, have witnessed in each Lodge the exemplifications of the work in one of these degrees. Also I have received the Returns, and transmitted the amount collected to the Grand Treasurer.

I am very happy to report a great and general improvement in the work throughout the District, a continued growing Masonic interest in nearly all of the Lodges.

As your representative I have been respectfully and cordially received on every occasion.

As in former years, where circumstances have seemed to justify, I have granted Dispensations to confer the several degrees out of course.

On examination of the Returns, I noticed the decease of three Masonic Veterans, of the respective Masonic ages, 56, 51, and 50 years, who to the last had special attachment for the valuable principles of our Institution.

I wish to return to the Brethren of this District, for their cordial welcome and support, my heartfelt thanks. I am under great obligation to them, and especially to those who have accompanied me as members of my suite, and particularly to R.W.P.G. Master Charles C. Dame, whose experience and great knowledge of Masonic law afforded me great aid and valuable assistance in many visitations.

In conclusion, M.W. Grand Master, allow me to acknowledge my obligations to you for the honor conferred and your confidence in me, and to congratulate you on the present condition of the Fraternity throughout this Commonwealth.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

WARREN CURRIER,
D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

LOWELL, November 22, 1877.

To PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, ESQ., M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts : —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BRO., — I now have the honor to submit my third annual report as D.D.G.M. of the Seventh Masonic District. In a pecuniary point of view the results are not so gratifying as might be wished, owing not to the apathy of the members of the different Lodges, but to the deep depression in business circles throughout the community. Notwithstanding this the Lodges of this District are, with one exception, in a fairly prosperous condition. Although the work performed is less in amount than during some previous years, it seems to have been well done, for there is great improvement in strict adherence to the language of the ritual, and in an intelligent, impressive mode in performing the ceremonies of the degrees. It is pleasant to notice the change. The difficulty which has heretofore existed was found in the task, by no means easy, of dispossessing the mind of the words of the former and substituting the phraseology

of the revised ritual. That difficulty has been almost entirely overcome by habits of attention, practice, and careful study. Much credit is due to the Masters and other officers of the Lodges for the painstaking manner in which they have striven to attain to verbal exactness of the ritual as now ordered by the Grand Lodge.

The dues to the Grand Lodge have been fully paid.

It is now the uniform practice of all the Lodges in this District to oblige the candidate to rehearse in open Lodge, at least the first section of the lecture of each degree, before he is allowed to receive the next degree. This custom has rapidly grown in favor both with officers, laymen, and candidates, and has proved to be productive of very beneficial results.

On the occasion of nearly every official visit I have taken with me a full staff of experienced Brethren, for whose kindness and advice I hereby express acknowledgments.

To the Brethren throughout the District who have always received me cordially and with hospitality I desire to express sincere thanks.

And to you, sir, allow me to present congratulations and expressions of respect. Thanking you for the honor conferred in appointing me for the third time to this important office, permit me to remain,

Yours truly and fraternally,

SOLON W. STEVENS,

D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

ATHOL, November 21, 1877.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts : —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — In accordance with custom and the requirements of the Grand Constitutions, I have the honor to submit to you my first annual report as District

Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District, accompanied by the proper Returns.

In accepting this honorable position as your representative in this District, some misgiving and embarrassment was naturally felt in view of its importance, my own inability to satisfactorily discharge the delicate duties appertaining to it, and also by the consciousness of the great ability and winning courtesy of the distinguished Brethren who have in the last few years preceded me.

I have officially visited each of the eleven Lodges in this District, and in each visit have been received with that hearty hospitality and cordial welcome which is one of the direct results of the faithful teaching of Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love. Every facility has been afforded me by the officers and members in the discharge of my official duties, and all suggestions and friendly criticisms have been received in the best spirit.

The interest in nearly all these visits was greatly increased by large delegations of visiting Brethren from neighboring Lodges.

I have carefully examined the Charters, — two of which are quite ancient, dating back to the last century, — and find them all in a good state of preservation.

The Records are carefully and neatly kept, — some of them notably so, — and the By-Laws properly approved.

I have witnessed an exemplification of the work of some one of the degrees in each Lodge. In a majority of the Lodges, while perfection has not been attained, the work merits great encouragement and commendation.

In a few others, however, from various causes, perhaps principally from a lack of enthusiasm or “noble emulation,” I have not been able to commend, and a recommendation to secure the services of one of the Grand Lecturers was kindly received.

The importance of a regular attendance of the working officers of the several Lodges upon the official exemplification of the work by the Grand Lecturers cannot be too strongly urged.

I received a warrant from the M.W. Grand Master to cause an exemplification of the work in Athol Lodge, Athol, Jan. 30th,

at which officers and Brethren were present from all the Lodges in the District except one. The exemplification of the work under direction of W. Bro. J. F. Lotts, was extremely interesting and profitable, not only in the instruction obtained, but in enlarging and extending the acquaintance of the Brethren with each other and strengthening social and fraternal ties. The hospitality of the Brethren of Athol Lodge on this occasion was a subject of much kindly comment on the part of visiting Brethren.

The general character and standing of the Institution throughout the District I think is steadily improving, and a disposition is manifested, which I can heartily encourage, to exercise greater care in receiving applications.

My sincere thanks are due the Brethren of my suite for their valued assistance, and to the Brethren of the various Lodges for their courteous reception of myself and companions.

Thanking you for the high honor of the appointment as your representative in this District, and trusting that my efforts will meet your approval.

I am respectfully and fraternally yours,

HENRY M. HUMPHREY,

D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH DISTRICT.

PITTSFIELD, December 8, 1877.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR, — Having completed the special duties devolving upon me as District Deputy for the year now past, I now make the following report of my doings, and of the general condition of the Craft in this District.

In accordance with the constitutional requirement I have visited officially each of the twelve Lodges in the District, and have made the required examinations, which have in every in-

stance been satisfactory. And here I desire to acknowledge the uniform courtesy and kindness with which, as your representative, I have been received and entertained.

The whole amount of fees and dues to the Grand Lodge has been promptly paid, thus enabling me to complete my reports, and transmit them to the proper Grand Officers at an early day.

The work of the Lodges this year has been rendered with greater accuracy, and more in conformity with the established ritual, than on the occasion of my visits last year. I have been able to trace much of the improvement and interest in the ritual to the exemplification held in the District last year, and have no doubt that the benefits to accrue from the exemplification this year (already arranged for the 14th inst.) will be exhibited in as marked a degree in their work of the ensuing year.

You will see by an examination of the Returns that the amount of work done by the Lodges in this District is much less than last year, — the initiates being as 46 to 27. The Lodges, however (with perhaps two exceptions), appear prosperous and full of courage for the future; and with the return of ordinary business prosperity in the community I have no doubt will regain much of their former prosperity.

I have granted but one Dispensation for conferring the degrees out of the usual time, and this in case of the unexpected departure of the candidate for the far West.

I desire, before closing, to express my obligation to W. Bro. George C. Dunham, who has acted as my Marshal, to the Brethren who have accompanied and assisted me in the discharge of my official duties, and to you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the honor of a reappointment to this important position.

Trusting that my labor and acts will meet your approbation,

I remain truly and fraternally yours,

H. S. RUSSELL,

D.D.G.M. Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH DISTRICT.

SPRINGFIELD, November 19, 1877.

To the Most Worshipful PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Grand Master : —

DEAR SIR AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER, — I have the honor to submit my report as your representative for the Tenth District. Accompanying it will be found the Returns of the various Lodges, and an abstract of their contents.

I have to report the continued prosperity of the Lodges in this District, and an unflagging interest in our Institution. I have, during the months of September and October visited officially each of the Lodges in the District, accompanied by my suite, and in each instance have witnessed the work and made such comments and corrections as appeared proper and necessary. I have also made such inquiries into the affairs of the Lodges as would elicit facts, relative to them, of interest to the Grand Master.

Fewer Masons have been made than in former years, yet the Lodge treasuries are, as a rule, in quite a satisfactory condition. Nevertheless it seems to me apparent that the Lodges should not rely too much upon the fees from newly made Masons for revenue, but that the annual dues should be sufficient to meet the entire expense of maintenance, including the Grand Lodge tax. I have taken the liberty of calling the attention of the Lodges to this view of the subject, and the desirability of their being self-supporting. Action has already been taken in some of the Lodges, with this in view, and similar action is pending in others. I have to report a commendable proficiency on the part of the officers of Lodges in the rendering of the established ritual of the Grand Lodge, all of them having attained to a high degree of accuracy in this respect. This result is, I think, clearly attributable to the permanency of the present work, and the ready means afforded for the settlement of disputed points.

During the early summer the Lodges were convened in Masonic Hall, Springfield, and the several degrees and lectures

were ably exemplified by W. Brother Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer, assisted by the Masters of the Lodges of the Tenth District. The interest of the Officers and Brethren was attested by a very large attendance, and marked attention to the work.

In compliance with your Warrant for that purpose, committed to me, I summoned Albert Raymond Rice within the body of Roswell Lee Lodge, on the 23d of June last, and there formally healed him of his Masonic disabilities by administering to him, in solemn form, the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft, and Master Mason. It will be remembered that though Brother Rice was a clandestine Mason through an irregularity in his making, he was fully exonerated of all blame by the committee of the Grand Lodge, to which the matter of his petition was referred, and the responsibility placed upon the Lodge which made him.

In two cases Dispensations have been granted for conferring one or more of the degrees in advance of the time when the same were due, circumstances seeming to justify such action.

The Returns of the various Lodges have been promptly made, and the sums due the Grand Lodge paid on the occasions of my official visits, thus greatly facilitating the discharge of the duties of my office.

The hard work involved in a round of official visitations has been greatly ameliorated by the uniform courtesy and politeness with which I have been received as your representative, and the pleasure of meeting so many of my Masonic Brethren.

To R.W. Brothers S. B. Spooner and John E. Shipman, my predecessors in the office of District Deputy, also to W. Brothers William E. Granger, George T. Weaver, and Brother George F. Adams, my thanks are due for their constant attendance and assistance as members of my suite.

In closing, permit me to thank you, Most Worshipful Brother, for the honor bestowed upon me in the appointment to the office I now hold through your pleasure.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN A. HALL,

D.D.G.M. Tenth Masonic District.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

WORCESTER, November 30, 1877.

*To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Massachusetts : —*

I have the honor to submit my third annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Eleventh Masonic District.

It affords me great pleasure to be able to present so satisfactory a report for the past year, considering the general situation of affairs throughout the Commonwealth. With a single exception the thirteen Lodges in this District are working with a commendable degree of proficiency, and are worthy of congratulation and encouragement by the Grand Lodge.

I have made it a point this year to particularly inquire into the financial condition of the Lodges, and it is gratifying to know that there is not a Lodge but can say, to-day, we are stronger than one year ago. Some have entirely cleared off their debt, others have reduced their liabilities, and a few can show an increased amount on the credit side. Last year, in several instances, I called attention to the fact that some Lodges were carrying along too many members delinquent in their dues, which was a load upon them, and will partially account for the many suspensions as well as their better financial standing.

I have granted a Dispensation in two instances for the conferring of degrees in a less time than the Grand Constitutions require, circumstances seeming to demand it. My official visitations this season have been attended with increased pleasure and interest; the Lodges, without exception, accorded me and my suite a very cordial reception. There has been a larger average attendance, and at my visits and installations the increase has been quite marked.

I am under many obligations to the Brethren who have kindly attended with me, and assisted in furthering the cause of our Institution; particularly would I mention Bro. David F. Parker, who has, for the past three years, with but a few exceptions,

greatly aided me by his most efficient services as Marshal. Allow me to tender my thanks for the honor it was your pleasure to confer upon me. Accept my kind wishes for your future welfare, and may all your paths in life be as pleasant as, I trust, the high position you have held has been, during the past three years.

I am, truly and fraternally yours,

CHARLES W. MOODY,
D.D.G.M. Eleventh Masonic District.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

MILLBURY, December 1, 1877.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor to submit to you my third annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twelfth Masonic District. I have officially visited all of the Chartered Lodges in my District, and the report showing amount of work done has already been forwarded. My visitations were completed earlier this year than heretofore, owing to the courtesy of the officers of the different Lodges in the appointment of meetings to suit my convenience. I have examined the Charter, By-Laws, and Records of each Lodge, and they are apparently well preserved, in due form, and neatly kept. I have also observed the work, and am pleased to note that some of the Lodges which have been a little backward heretofore have improved very much. There has been, I think, an earnest desire on the part of the officers to become proficient in the work, and some of them, I assure you, render the ritual in a very correct and impressive manner. I have been very cordially received by all of the Lodges. A previous acquaintance also tended to create a cordial reception, and the social and pleasant manner in which courtesies have been extended to me is evidence of fraternal feeling toward the Grand Lodge. The dues have

been promptly paid, and the same transmitted to the Grand Treasurer. I did not have an opportunity to visit Mumford River Lodge, now working under Dispensation, but am informed by reliable Brethren that it is doing creditably. I have granted Dispensations in but few instances, and then only when the circumstances seemed to fully justify it. I desire to thank the Brethren who have from time to time accompanied me upon my visitations, particularly Bro. O. N. Carpenter, who has rendered me efficient services as Marshal, during the past two years. I thank you sincerely for the honor of this appointment. The pleasant and social hours enjoyed with the Brethren in Grand Lodge will ever be a source of happy remembrance to me in after years.

Very respectfully and fraternally yours,

IRVING B. SAYLES,

D.D.G.M Twelfth Masonic District.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

DEDHAM, November 30, 1877.

*To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in
Massachusetts : —*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — In obedience to the commission with which you were pleased to honor me, I have attended to the duties of District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District, and make the following report : —

On the 22d day of May, 1877, I granted a Dispensation to Blue Hill Lodge to give the third degree to Larry Wentworth Summer and Frederick Ruggles Williamson, on said 22d May.

On the 13th day of October, 1877, I granted a Dispensation to St. Alban's Lodge to give the third degree to Robert Homer, on the 22d day of the same October.

I have granted no other Dispensations.

By virtue of a Dispensation granted by you on the 13th day of July, 1877, the work and lectures of the three degrees were

exemplified before the Lodges of the 13th Masonic District at the Masonic Temple in the city of Boston, on Sept. 5, 1877. The first degree was exemplified by Bristol Lodge, North Attleborough; the second degree by Constellation Lodge, Dedham; and the third degree by King David Lodge, Taunton; and all under the direction of Grand Lecturer W. Bro. Charles M. Avery. The work was done with a beauty, accuracy, and impressiveness which I have never seen excelled, and elicited the highest encomiums from the W. Grand Lecturer.

I have made an official visitation to each of the Lodges of this District, and have carefully examined the Records, By-Laws and mode of work, beginning with Charles H. Titus Lodge, on the 14th day of September last, and closing with St. James Lodge, on the 20th of November, instant.

The Records in general were well kept, and contained everything necessary to a good Masonic record. I fraternally recommended such changes and improvements in the methods of keeping the records as I thought best, and my suggestions were kindly received. The records of Hyde Park Lodge, Hyde Park, and of Ionic Lodge, Taunton, deserve especial mention. They are very concisely expressed, contain a clear statement of every transaction necessary to be recorded, and the penmanship is both distinct and ornate.

The mode of work of nearly all the Lodges of this District, in expression, in position, and in action, is of more than ordinary excellence. In those Lodges to which this measure of praise could not be justly given I found a generous desire to improve the work. In all the Lodges, no person who applies for the degrees is accepted until a careful and exhaustive examination of his record and character is made. If accepted, every precaution recommended by the best Masonic judgment and experience is taken to give the candidate early impression of the dignity and worth of the Institution.

In a considerable number of our Lodges the practice of instruction and examination of candidates in open Lodge has never been adopted or has been discontinued. In all such cases I earnestly recommended such practice to the favorable

consideration of the Brethren as a duty they owed to the candidate, themselves, and their Lodge. True Masonic harmony prevails between the Lodges and between the members of each Lodge.

In concluding this report I desire to return my thanks to the Brethren who have composed my suite on my several visitations, and especially I desire to record the valuable assistance rendered to me by Bro. Edwin A. Brooks, the accomplished Secretary of Constellation Lodge, in the examination of the Records of the respective Lodges and in comparing the Returns with the Records.

The following table contains the number of members and of visitors present at my official visitation to the several Lodges and the average attendance of members : —

	Average Attendance.	Members Present.	Visitors Present.
Bristol . . .	35	76	20
King David . . .	29	54	39
Rising Star . . .	26	36	147
St. Alban's . . .	26	37	
Orient . . .	83	53	67
Blue Hill . . .	18	31	14
St. James . . .	17	39	23
Alfred Baylies . . .	20	37	24
Hyde Park . . .	33	48	40
Ionic . . .	19	19	9
Paul Dean . . .	25	30	66
Ezekiel Bates . . .	28	43	21
Constellation . . .	28	39	88
Charles H. Titus . . .	16	21	19
Norfolk . . .	21	36	13

I am, with great respect, very truly and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK D. ELY,

D.D.G.M. Thirteenth Masonic District.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

FALL RIVER, November 27, 1877.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — In the steady and never-ceasing march of time another Masonic year is approaching its close, and my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District becomes in order.

I have the honor to state that I made an official visit to each one of the thirteen Lodges of my District in the month of September, and completed and furnished all the Returns to the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary on the 9th of October, reserving my report to the Grand East till the close of the year for obvious reasons.

At every visit there was the most cordial and fraternal feeling manifested, so that it seemed good to be there.

Most of the Lodges are in a prosperous condition, though the long-continued depression of business begins to tell on some of them. The amount paid the Grand Lodge is 48 dollars less than last year, a falling off of 2½ per cent.

The Charters, Records, and By-Laws are carefully guarded, kept and approved.

There has been an improvement in the work ; in some Lodges quite marked.

In compliance with your Warrant I caused the ceremony of "healing" to be performed, and assisted at the same, within the body of King Philip Lodge, upon Frank De Caro, on the 27th of February last, and he is now a member in good standing of said Lodge.

During the year I have felt called upon to grant four Dispen-sations for conferring the degrees out of the regular course. In two instances the parties were going on long whaling voyages, in one to the far West, and one had moved to a neighboring State after taking the first degree, and could not leave his important business without great inconvenience, and

was therefore allowed the third with the second. I trust the reasons will seem sufficient to you.

I have had the honor of installing the officers of Pythagorean Lodge, Marion, and Mount Hope Lodge, Fall River, each of which installations was the occasion of much pleasure.

The following table will show the number present at the time of my official visitations and the average attendance during the past year: —

	Members.	Total.	Average Attendance.
Union, Nantucket . . .	35	42	29
Marine, Falmouth . . .	18	19	14
Star in the East, New Bedford .	76	111	33
Mount Hope, Fall River . .	12	51	35
Eureka, New Bedford . . .	30	110	23
Martha's Vineyard, Vineyard Haven	11	14	12
Pythagorean, Marion . . .	17	22	19
Mayflower, Middleboro' . .	29	36	22
Pioneer, Somerset . . .	27	34	16
King Philip, Fall River . .	35	54	26
Oriental, Edgartown . . .	9	12	9
Concordia, Fairhaven . . .	28	45	22
Narragansett, Fall River . .	30	42	27

It is proper to say that quite a number of the members of these Lodges are away at sea.

On the 24th of October, by Dispensation from the Grand East, the work and lectures of the three degrees were exemplified within the Body of Narragansett Lodge, in the Masonic Hall, at Fall River, under the direction of Worshipful Brother Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer. Eureka Lodge, of New Bedford, gave the first degree; Marine Lodge, of Falmouth, the second; and Narragansett Lodge, of Fall River, the third, — all in an excellent manner. Twelve of the thirteen Lodges of the District were represented, and all were highly pleased with the instruction and entertainment. The Fall River Lodges united in the hospitalities of the occasion in a truly Masonic and fraternal spirit. And now, at the close of

my second year's service, permit me to say that in no other official position have I experienced so much satisfaction as in this which you have seen fit to honor me with, and I return to you, with the other officers of the Grand Lodge, and to those who accompanied me on my visits, my sincere thanks.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

ABRAHAM G. HART,
D.D.G.M. Fourteenth Masonic District.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

BARNSTABLE, November 26, 1877.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — With pleasure I submit to you my first official report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District.

As your representative I have endeavored to fulfil the duties to the best of my abilities. I have visited officially all the Lodges within my District, and in every instance have been cordially and pleasantly received.

The Charters are in a good state of preservation, the By-Laws properly approved, and the Records neatly and correctly kept.

I have also witnessed the work of one of the three degrees with one exception in each Lodge, and it is gratifying for me to say that the officers are well versed, and are making an earnest effort to render the work strictly in accordance with the ritual which has been approved by the Grand Lodge. I am also happy to report that all the Lodges have cheerfully and punctually made their annual returns, and paid the Grand Lodge dues at my official visits.

As you are aware, Most Worshipful, that the Fifteenth District is a maritime one. There has been quite a number of applications for Dispensations, and where good and sufficient reasons have accompanied the application I have granted them.

I have publicly, by request, installed the officers of Fraternal and James Otis Lodges.

By a Dispensation granted by you Feb. 19th, the several Lodges of the District convened at Masonic Hall, at Sandwich, March 13th, for the purpose of exemplifying the work and lectures of the three degrees. The work was performed under the direction of W. Brother Charles M. Avery.

Although the day was very stormy, all of the Lodges, except two, were represented by a large number of officers and members.

The work was exemplified, by the officers of the several Lodges, in a very successful and satisfactory manner. At the close of the day's labor it was unanimously voted to have the degrees exemplified at Sandwich in January next.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to the officers and members of the several Lodges in the District, for the kindness and courtesy they have extended to me; also to the Brethren who have accompanied me as members of my suite, and particularly to Brother John R. Wilson, who has so acceptably and faithfully performed the duties of Marshal on every occasion.

In closing, allow me to thank you for the honor of the appointment of District Deputy, and hoping that what I have done will meet your approval,

I am, respectfully and fraternally yours,

RUSSELL MATTHEWS,
D.D.G.M. Fifteenth Masonic District.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

BRIDGEWATER, December 1, 1877.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: —

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BROTHER, — It is with pleasure I am permitted to submit this, my third report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixteenth Masonic District.

I have officially, accompanied by a full suite, visited all the Lodges in my District (fourteen in number).

Very few Dispensations have been requested, and these it has been my pleasure to grant, satisfactory reasons having been given therefor.

Nothing whatever has occurred during the past year to impair that harmony which has so extensively prevailed during my three years of office. There has been, from the beginning, a gradual, steady, and (to me) very gratifying and pleasing advancement towards perfection, both in the rendering of the work and in the cultivation of the moral and social virtues in and out of the Lodge-room, and among the different Lodges, not only of my own jurisdiction, but of the adjoining District; giving rise to that Masonic emulation which must necessarily result in permanent good to the Fraternity at large. And I retire from office leaving all the Lodges of my District in very good condition financially and Masonically, and hoping that my successor in office may be as kindly received and welcomed as I, without exception, have been.

Closing my duties in this office, I feel bound to express my sincere thanks to W. Bro. F. S. Churchill, who has accompanied me as Marshal on every visitation for three years; to W. Bro. W. K. Churchill, who has so faithfully discharged his duties as my Secretary; to W. Bro. Isaac Damon, who aided and assisted me very much, both in the Lodge and at the social board; to Bro. Zebulon Pratt, my Treasurer, always ready and willing to perform any and all the varied duties of his position, and to the other Brothers who have from time to time been members of my suite.

And permit me, M.W. Brother, to thank you for the very great honor which you have conferred upon me, and for the many privileges which through that appointment I have been permitted to enjoy during the past three years. Never shall I forget the many happy hours which I have been permitted to spend so pleasantly, in the company of yourself and other officers of the Grand Lodge, and those many firm and true friends who have so cordially welcomed me as your repre-

sentative. Trusting that the performance of my duty meets your approval,

I am, very respectfully and fraternally yours,

HOSEA KINGMAN,
D.D.G.M. Sixteenth Masonic District.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

MALDEN, November 30, 1877.

*To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., Grand Master of Masons in
Massachusetts : —*

DEAR SIR AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER, — I herewith submit my third annual report of the Seventeenth Masonic District, and enclose an abstract of the Returns of the Lodges in this jurisdiction.

An analysis of the Returns shows an increase of membership over last year ; but this is mainly due to the formation of a new Lodge at Stoneham, the members of which, having withdrawn from other Lodges, were not counted in the last annual Returns, while the new Lodge was under Dispensation.

The number of members admitted is less than the total of those suspended, dimitted, and deceased ; so that in reality there is a slight falling off in the membership as compared with the actual number in the District in 1876. It is a gratifying fact, however, that the decrease of membership by death has been less than one-half of either of the two previous years.

I have visited, officially, every Lodge, inspected their Charters, Records, and By-Laws, and examined their work. They are all well appointed and in satisfactory condition. The work has been light, being only two-thirds of that of last year, and the rendition of it, taken as a whole, is not quite up to the former standard. There are noticeable exceptions to this in the case of one or two Lodges, which have had sufficient work to keep them well employed, whose rendition of it is exceptionally fine ; and I apprehend that among those who are deficient in some

particulars, the imperfections would quickly disappear under the stimulants of legitimate business. ♦

During the three years I have had the honor of representing you in this District no case has arisen calling for any disciplinary methods, but all have cheerfully and promptly conformed to the requirements of the Grand Lodge, and have been zealous in their efforts to promote the interests of the Craft.

In closing my official connection with the Grand Lodge and this District, I recall with much satisfaction the many courtesies received, and the associations connected therewith will ever remain as a pleasant memory.

Fraternally yours,

THEODORE N. FOQUE,
D.D.G.M. Seventeenth Masonic District.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

SOUTHBRIDGE, November 30, 1877.

*To M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Grand Master of Masons in
Massachusetts: —*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can hardly realize that a year has gone by, with its round of cares and duties, since you appointed me as your representative for the second time, and that the time has come for me to render an account of my stewardship.

Such, however, is the fact, and it is my pleasure, as well as duty, to submit to you this, my second annual report of my doings as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighteenth Masonic District.

I say, "my pleasure," because I can speak only in praise of the Lodges comprising this District, as I have found harmony and brotherly love have prevailed, so far as I have been able to discover in my intercourse with them officially and fraternally.

The Lodges of this District being scattered over a wide range of territory, I have not been able to visit them unexpectedly

and mingle with them unofficially, as is sometimes desirable and profitable ; but, from specimens of work that I have witnessed in fulfilling my official duty, I am convinced that they have not always put on their best for that occasion, but have shown their usual method of work.

I have visited officially every Lodge in the District, and in nearly every instance the full attendance of the Brethren gave gratifying evidence of their interest in the welfare of their Lodge and attachment to the principles of our revered Institution.

Although no exemplification of work had been held in this District for two years, yet it is my pleasure to say that, in most cases, the work was well rendered, showing that no small effort had been made to learn and to comply strictly with the ritual of the Grand Lodge.

In accordance with a Dispensation granted by you, I convened the Lodges of the District, at Palmer, on the 8th of this month, for the purpose of exemplifying the work and lectures of the three degrees, which was held within the body of Thomas Lodge, under the supervision of W. Bro. Charles M. Avery.

After the Lodge was opened by the officers of Thomas Lodge, the first degree was given by Quinebaug, of Southbridge (whose officers had but recently been installed) ; the second by Eden, of Ware ; and the third by Newton, of Wilbraham. The large delegations from all the Lodges, and the close attention paid to the exercises, testified their desire to acquire the work in accordance with the prescribed ritual.

I have noticed among the Lodges what has appeared to me a growing desire for the interchange of those friendly and brotherly relations which should characterize good Masons, as evinced by visits from Lodge to Lodge, which I am sure ought to be encouraged as tending to promote a worthy spirit of emulation.

Such have been the harmony and good-will that have prevailed among the Lodges during the past year that my duties, as your representative, have been exceedingly pleasant, and in every case I have been received in the most cordial manner,

and every facility has been afforded to make my official visits and duties agreeable, and for which I am deeply grateful.

Only one request has been made during the year for Dispensation to confer the degrees out of regular course, and as the W.M. could not conscientiously say the case was an imperative one, I refused to grant the request, the Master cheerfully coinciding with me in the matter upon proper showing.

Although the number of initiates is less than reported last year, yet there has been some increase in membership.

It is not without regret that it is necessary to report so large a number who have been discharged from membership for non-payment of dues.

To the Brethren who have been so ready to accompany me and assist me in my official duties I feel under lasting obligations, and the more so when I remember that most of my visits have been made by long drives and late at night.

In conclusion, I desire to tender you my sincere thanks for the honor which you have the second time conferred upon me, and which I very truly appreciate.

Fraternally and truly yours,

PLINY T. LITCHFIELD,

D.D.G.M. Eighteenth Masonic District.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Saint John's . . .	Boston.	5	5	5		4			4	4	352	9		5	1
Saint Andrew's . . .	Boston.	1	1	1						1	35				1
Massachusetts . . .	Boston.	7	7	7		2			2	2	216	2		6	1
Columbian . . .	Boston.	4	3	5		7			5	5	308	8		5	1
Mount Lebanon . . .	Boston.	3	3	5		4			6	4	309	7	1	5	1
Germania . . .	Boston.	3	4	3	1				1	1	103	3		3	1
Winslow Lewis . . .	Boston.	3	3	3						1	68	3		3	1
Revere . . .	Boston.	13	13	13	1	4			6	2	206	14		13	1
Joseph Warren . . .	Boston.	7	7	7	3				4	4	426	4		7	
Aberdour . . .	Boston.	3	3	3					6	2	87	4		3	
Eleusis . . .	Boston.	2	2	2		1			3		60	1			1
Zetland . . .	Boston.	1	1	1						1	62	1		1	
Joseph Webb . . .	Boston.	6	5	.	1						41	41		19	
		58	57	55	6	22			37	27	2273	97	1	70	9

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

HENRY G. FAY, District Deputy Grand Master.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Defects.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
King Solomon's . . .	Charlestown.	5	5	5	1	6			4	1	205	3		4	
Amicable . . .	Cambridgeport.	7	7	4	1	4	2		4	4	188	6		4	
Star of Bethlehem . . .	Chelsea.	5	5	6	2			1	4		250	7		7	
John Abbott . . .	Somerville.	4	4	6					3	3	204	5		6	
Henry Price . . .	Charlestown.	11	11	12	2				4	2	224	7		13	
Mount Olivet . . .	Cambridge.	2	1	1	3	3			5	1	104	1		1	
William Sutton . . .	Saugus.	2	1		2	2			1	1	67			7	
Robert Lash . . .	Chelsea.	3	2	2					1	1	64	1		9	
Faith . . .	Charlestown.	7	10	7	2				3		112	9		4	
Palestine . . .	Everett.	5	5	4	1				1		88	6			
		51	51	47	14	15	2	1	29	13	1506	45		55	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

FRANCIS CHILDS, District Deputy Grand Master.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Installed.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Washington . . .	Boston Highlands.	9	10	10	3	12			6	4	268	17	2	10	1
Union . . .	Dorchester.	3	3	3	1	8			3	2	179	7		3	1
Mount Tabor . . .	East Boston.	9	6	8	2	3			3	4	288	8	1	8	1
Saint Paul's . . .	South Boston.	12	9	9	2	12		1		4	221	10		10	1
Baalbec . . .	East Boston.	5	5	6	4	3			6		134	12	5	6	1
Gate of the Temple . . .	South Boston.	7	6	4	1	19			1	2	160	6	2	4	1
Hammatt . . .	East Boston.	4	4	3	2	7				3	107	4	1	3	1
Lafayette . . .	Boston Highlands.	4	2	2	1				6	2	102	5		1	1
Adelphi . . .	South Boston.	12	12	12	2	3			4	2	107	22		12	1
Eliot . . .	Jamaica Plain.	1	3	3	1	2			3		80	3		3	1
Rabboni . . .	South Boston.	3	3	3		1			5		82	3		3	
Temple . . .	East Boston.	4	4	3		1					111	4		2	1
		73	67	66	19	70		1	37	23	1839	101	11	65	11

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

SETH C. AMES, District Deputy Grand Master.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HELDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Corinthian	Concord.	8	6	9	1		1		5	4	78	11		9	1
Meridian	Natick.	2	4	4	4		1		7		176	9		4	
Bethesda	Brighton.				1						109	1			
Monitor	Waltham.				2				7	1	159				
Pequosette	Watertown.	3	2						2	1	117				1
Dalhousie	Newtonville.	4	4	5	1		20	1	23	1	199	10		9	1
Belmont	Belmont.	3	4	1			3		8	1	70	3		1	
Isaac Parker	Waltham.	2		1	2				3		84	1		1	
Mizpah	Cambridgeport.	7	4	4					3	1	126	8		4	1
Beth-horon	Brookline.	4	3	5					1	1	64	5		5	
Charles A. Welch	Maynard.	13	15	10	8				4	3	59	13		10	
Fraternity	Newtonville.								2		51	3			
		46	42	39	19		25	1	65	13	1292	64		43	4

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

EDWARD C. DAMON, District Deputy Grand Master.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Tyrian	Gloucester.	3	5	5	3				5	2	137	5	1	7	
Essex	Salem.	1	1	1		3	3		2	4	143	1			1
Mount Carmel	Lynn.	6	9	8	1				4		199	10	1	8	
Jordan	Peabody.	2	1	1	3	1	9	1		1	129	4	1	1	1
Liberty	Beverly.	3	3	3		7	7		1	4	146	3			
Ashler	Rockport.	2	3	3	1	10	10		2	3	141	7	3	2	
Amity	Danvers.	6	7	6	2	1	1		5	2	124	4		4	
Starr King	Salem.	3	3	3		3	3		3	1	122	2		3	
John T. Heard	Ipswich.	2	2	1	1	5	5		4	1	89	1		4	
Golden Fleece	Lynn.	10	9	9	1	5	5		5	1	146	12	2	9	
Acacia	Gloucester.	15	9	7	10	4	4		4		90	18			
Mosaic	Danvers.	3	4	3	1	4	4			1	58	3		1	1
		56	56	50	23	43	51	1	35	20	1524	70	8	39	3

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

WILLIAM C. MAXWELL, District Deputy Grand Master.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Saint John's . . .	Newburyport.	12	9	9	2		8	2	92	9	15	2			
Merrimack . . .	Haverhill.	13	17	13	2		10	5	198	15	1				
Saint Mark's . . .	Newburyport.	4	4	4			12	3	68	6	1				1
Saint Matthews . . .	Andover.	3	3	3			7	1	92	4					
Warren . . .	Amesbury.	1	1	1	3		36	3	140	2					1
Grecian . . .	Lawrence.	12	11	11	8		11	4	259	13	7		1		1
John Hancock . . .	Methuen.	5	5	5	1		9	1	126	5					1
Tuscan . . .	Lawrence.	9	9	11	3			2	229	11	12				
Saggahew . . .	Haverhill.	11	8	9	2		1	1	128	9					
Charles C. Dame . . .	Georgetown.	3	3	3					114	3					1
Bethany . . .	Merrimac.	7	6	4	4				97	4					
Phoenician . . .	Lawrence.	8	8	7					65	8	6				
Cochichewick . . .	North Andover.	14	12	13	5				53	14	6				1
		102	96	93	30		94	25	17	1661	103	8		46	8

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

WARREN CURRIER, District Deputy Grand Master.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Raised.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dismitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Saint Paul	Ayer.	4	4	4					1	4	76	5		4	1
Aurora	Fitchburg.	11	12	13	3		40		5	1	188	13		13	
Pentucket	Lowell.	8	6	6	5				3	5	299	9	5	5	
Ancient York	Lowell.	3	3	3	1	3			1	8	215	6		8	
Trinity	Clinton.	6	6	6	7	15			9		149	7		6	1
Caleb Butler	Ayer.	3	4	4	2	2			3	1	97	7			
Charles W. Moore	Fitchburg.	4	4	4	4	18			12	1	116	4		5	
Kilwinning	Lowell.	2	2	2					1	1	66	2		2	
William North	Lowell.	7	7	8	2				1	1	180	10		9	
		48	48	50	22	38	40		36	16	1386	53	5	47	2

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Attest:

SOLON W. STEVENS, District Deputy Grand Master.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Republican . . .	Greenfield.	5	6	7	4	8			5	3	184	12	3	7	1
Harmony . . .	Northfield.	1	1	1		7			1	1	70	5	1	1	1
Pacific . . .	Amherst.	5	3	5	1	4			4		93	6	1	5	1
Mountain . . .	Shelburne Falls.	3	3	8		14			1	9	69	14			
Orange . . .	Orange.	7	6	8	1	3			5		174	10		8	
Hope . . .	Gardner.	4	4	1	1				3		109	2		1	
Star . . .	Athol.	4	4	4	4	5			1	1	85	5		4	1
Artisan . . .	Winchendon.	4	5	4	2				1		60	6	1	3	
Morning Sun . . .	Conway.	5	5	5					3		64	5	1		
Bay State . . .	Montague.	11	12	11	2					1	66	11			1
Athol . . .	Athol Centre.	6	6	6	2				1	3	79	8		6	1
		55	55	55	17	41			25	10	1053	84	16	34	6

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

HENRY M. HUMPHREY, District Deputy Grand Master.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Limited.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Evening Star . . .	Lee.	2	2	2	3				1	3	78	15		2	1
Cincinnatus . . .	Great Barrington.	3	3	5	2				1	1	111	7		3	
Wisdom . . .	West Stockbridge.	1							1	2	41			1	
Mystic . . .	Pittsfield.	3	5	5	6		5		2	2	130	6		3	
Lafayette . . .	North Adams.	4	5	5	1				6	3	142	6		4	1
Berkshire . . .	South Adams.	1	1	2			2				71	2		1	
Globe . . .	Hinsdale.	2	2	2							49	2		2	1
Upton . . .	Cheshire.				2				2		42	1		1	1
Occidental . . .	Stockbridge.	1	1	2	1	6			5		30	1		1	1
Williams . . .	Williamstown.	3	3	3	1				2		45	3		3	
Greylock . . .	North Adams.	5	5	6	1				2		84	6		5	
Crescent . . .	Pittsfield.	2	3	4					1		30	6		2	
		27	30	36	17		13		22	9	853	55		27	5

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Attest:

HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL, District Deputy Grand Master.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Membership.	No. Disinited.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Jerusalem.	Northampton.	9	8	8	1	39			1	1	228	10	5	18	1
Hampden.		15	14	16	1	1			4	3	532	19	13	13	1
Chicopee.		5	5	4	1	1			6	1	192	5	1	4	1
Mount Tom.		6	6	5	9	19			2	2	192	5	1	3	1
Mount Moriah.	Westfield.	10	9	8	3	20			3	3	211	11	2	18	1
Roswell Lee.	Springfield.	19	21	17	4	86			1	2	310	25	2	17	1
Huntington.	Huntington.	2	2	2	2				1	1	97	2		2	1
Ionic.		5	6	4	1				1	1	136	6		7	1
Mount Holyoke.		7	6	6	3						67	6		6	
Belcher.		9	7	8	3						89	9			
Hampshire.		6	6	6	2				1	1	64	7			
		71	90	84	30	115			20	15	1918	106	22	88	7

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

JOHN A. HALL, District Deputy Grand Master.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dismitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Morning Star . . .	Worcester.	12	10	13	5	19			3	5	319	13		13	1
Mount Zion . . .	Barre.	4	5	3	1	6			3	2	90	4			
Montacute . . .	Worcester.	8	6	7	6	16			9	1	311	9		6	1
Webster . . .	Webster.	2	2	2					3		72	2		6	
Wilder . . .	Leominster.	2	3	3	2	5			7	1	110	4		2	1
Oxford . . .	Oxford.	3	3	4	2						65	4		6	
United Brethren . . .	Marlborough.	2	2	2	1				3	1	106	2			
Doric . . .	Hudson.	5	6	5	2				3	1	146	5		5	
Athelstan . . .	Worcester.	5	5	5	1	5			5	1	225	9		9	1
Saint Bernard . . .	Southborough.	3	3	3					2		45	2		4	1
Quinsigamond . . .	Worcester.	3	3	3	1				1		38	4		3	1
Spencer . . .	Spencer.	3	3	3							47	6			
Boylston . . .	West Boylston.	3	3	4							37	4		17	
		55	54	57	21	55			39	12	1611	68		71	6

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

CHARLES W. MOODY, District Deputy Grand Master.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dinitied.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Middlesex	Frammingham.	7	8	8	2	10			18	1	71	10	2	6	1
Montgomery	Millford.	8	8	8	9				1	1	206	10	7	12	1
Olive Branch	Millbury.	8	4	4	3	4			7	3	103	6	2	10	
Solomon's Temple	Uxbridge.	3	3	3					2		154	4			1
Franklin	Grafton.	5	5	5	3	6				2	86	7		8	
Blackstone River	Blackstone.	6	6	6	2	1			8		108	4		4	2
John Warren	Hopkinton.	5	4			3			3	1	79	1			2
North Star	Ashland.	2	2	2	1	1			5	1	82	4		6	
Mount Hollis	Holliston.	9	9	9	2	4			1		83	11	2	12	1
Excelsior	Franklin.	3	3	2	1	1			2		64	2			1
Siloam	Westborough.	2	2	3	2				1		89	3		6	2
Charles River	West Medway.	5	6	4	2	2			2	1	51	4		6	3
Alpha	So. Frammingham.	9	8	8							44			7	1
		72	68	62	27		32		45	10	1220	66	13	77	15

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

IRVING B. SAYLES, District Deputy Grand Master.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Bristol	No. Attleborough.	9	9	7	4	31			1	5	142	8		7	1
King David	Taunton.	5	6	5	2					2	259	6		5	
Rising Star	Stoughton.	4	4	4	1					2	90	4		2	
Saint Alban's	Foxborough.	4	3	4	2	2			1	2	122	4		4	1
Orient	Norwood.	3	4	2	1				3	3	109	5		2	
Blue Hill	Canton.	5	5	5	1				2		73	5		6	1
Saint James	Mansfield.	2	2	3	3	1			3	1	95	3		3	
Alfred Baylies	Taunton.	3	3	4	3						122	5		1	
Hyde Park	Hyde Park.	6	7	2		7			1		108	4		2	1
Ionic	Taunton.	2	2	2	1	2			2	1	108	2		2	1
Paul Dean	North Easton.	2	2	4	2				2	1	89	5		4	
Ezekiel Bates	Attleborough.	2	2	1	1	3			1	1	89	1			
Constellation	Dedham.	4	4	5	1				3		93	5		5	1
Charles H. Titus	Taunton.	4	4	4					1		55	4		4	1
Norfolk	Needham.	1	3	3	2				1	1	49	6		3	1
		56	60	55	24	46			21	17	1603	67		50	8

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

FREDERICK D. ELY, District Deputy Grand Master.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dismitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomats.	No. Past Master's Diplomats.
Union	Nantucket.	5	4	4		1			1	3	107	8		6	1
Marine	Falmouth.	4	4	4		1					45	4	2	6	1
Star in the East	New Bedford.	17	18	15	9					3	345	21	3	12	1
Mount Hope	Fall River.	11	9	10	5				30	1	247	10	2	12	1
Eureka	New Bedford.	5	5	5	6	7				2	197	5			
Martha's Vineyard	Vineyard Haven.			1		13			3		35	1	10	3	1
Pythagorean	Marion.	3	2	2	1				1		78	2			
Pioneer	Somerset.	2	2	4	3	6			3	1	84	4		5	1
May Flower	Middleborough.	4	4	3	3				7	1	120	4		12	1
King Philip	Fall River.	6	7	7	4	7			1	1	186	8			
Oriental	Edgartown.									1	52			6	1
Concordia	Fairhaven.	2	1	1	3					1	49	1		12	1
Narragansett	Fall River.	3	4	3	6						49	12			
		62	60	59	40	35			46	14	1594	80	17	74	8

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

ABRAHAM G. HART, District Deputy Grand Master.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
King Hiram	Provincetown.	4	4	4	2	1			3	1	195	6	2	4	
Fraternal	Hyannis.	7	7	7						1	160	8			
Social Harmony	Wareham.	1	1	2	3						79	2		3	
Mount Horeb	West Harwich.	2	2	2	1				1		140	4	1	1	
De Witt Clinton	Sandwich.	1	1	2							56	3		2	
Pilgrim	South Harwich.	6	5	7					4		121	5			
James Otis	Barnstable.					5			2	1	59	2			
Adams	Wellfleet.	6	1	1		11			1	1	112	2			
Howard	South Yarmouth.	1									45				
Mariners	Cotuit.	1	1	1		1			2	2	51	1		1	
Saint Martin's	Chatham.	2	3	4							45	4			
		81	25	30	6	18			13	6	1063	97	3	11	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

RUSSELL MATTHEWS, District Deputy Grand Master.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dinited.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Old Colony	Hingham.	3	3	3	2				3	3	99	3		3	1
Fellowship	Bridgewater.	6	7	7	1	7			3	1	187	9		3	
Rural	Quincy.	6	6	6	3				3	2	151	11		6	
Corner Stone	Duxbury.								2	2	69				
Norfolk Union	Randolph.	5	3	3	1				4	6	72	3	1	2	
Orphan's Hope	East Weymouth.	1	2	2		4			3	3	168	3		4	
Plymouth	Plymouth.	1	8	8	1				1	1	139	2		1	
Paul Revere	Brockton.	3	3	3	7				1	3	238	3		8	
John Cutler	Abington.	3	3	3	3				3		128	2		1	
Konohasset	Cohasset.	2	1	1	1				4	1	69			1	
Delta	Weymouth.	3	4	5		3			2	1	104	1		5	
Puritan	South Abington.	6	4	4	1				2	3	98	6		4	
Phoenix	Hanover.	2	1	1							52	2		2	
Satuit	Scituate.	2	2	2	2				1	1	37	2		2	
		48	44	45	22	17			29	27	1611	52	1	47	1

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Attest:

Hosea Kingman, District Deputy Grand Master.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dismitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Hiram	Arlington.	9	7	6	1	14			2	3	137	4		2	1
Putnam	East Cambridge.	7	7	6						2	138	6		6	1
Mount Hermon	Medford.	3	3	3	1				1		155			3	1
Mount Horeb	Woburn.	9	9	9	1				3		132	5		4	
Wyoming	Melrose.	6	6	6	1				9	1	168	5		6	
Mount Vernon	Malden.	1	2	2					3	2	150	4		2	1
William Parkman . . .	Winchester.	6	3	3					1	1	84	3	1	3	1
Charity	No. Cambridge.	1	1	1		4			5		61	8		7	1
Good Samaritan . . .	Reading.	3	3	1					1		69	2		1	1
Simon W. Robinson . .	Lexington.	3	2	2		1					51	1		2	
King Cyrus	Stoneham.	1	1		1						57				1
		43	44	39	5	19			25	9	1197	38	1	36	8

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Attest:

THEODORE N. FOQUE, District Deputy Grand Master.

EIGHTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dinitied.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Thomas	.	3	3	3	4		7		3	1	119	10	2		
Bethel	.	1	1	1	2		1		1		49	1		15	
Quaboag	.	6	6	5	3		1		3	1	107	6			
Quinebaug	.	5	5	5	1		6			4	127	5			
Day Spring	.	1	1	1	1				2	1	64	1			
Hayden	.	9	7	6	2				5		106	8		12	
Eden	.	3	3	3	1		3				96	3			
Vernon	.	3	3	3			8				45	5			
Newton	.	4	4	4	1		1		1	1	79	4			
Anchor	.	1	1	1					1		23	1			
		36	34	32	15		26		16	8	815	44	2	27	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

PLINY T. LITCHFIELD, District Deputy Grand Master.

CHILI MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomae.	No. Past Master's Diplomae.
Bethesda	Valparaiso.	9	9	11	3		14		7	3	110	15		13	
Aconcagua	Valparaiso.	4	4	6			4		7		40	6		6	
		43	13	17	3		18		14	3	150	21		19	

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Attest: DAVID TRUMBULL, District Deputy Grand Master.

CHINA MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dismitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Ancient Landmark . .	Shanghai.	3	2	3					10	2	45	6		1	
		3	2	3					10	2	45	6		1	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodge.

Attest:

ITHAMAR B. EAMES, District Deputy Grand Master.
By M. W. COOK, W. Master.

RECAPITULATION,
FROM THE RETURNS OF LODGES COMPOSING THE SEVERAL MASONIC DISTRICTS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, A.L. 5877.

DISTRICTS.		No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomae.	No. Past Master's Diplomae.
District No.	1	58	57	55	6	22	2		37	27	2,273	97	1	70	9
"	2	51	51	47	14	15		1	29	13	1,506	45		55	
"	3	73	67	66	19	70		1	37	23	1,839	101	11	65	11
"	4	46	42	39	19		25	1	65	13	1,292	64		43	4
"	5	56	56	50	23	43		1	35	20	1,524	70	8	39	3
"	6	102	96	93	30		51		25	17	1,661	103		46	8
"	7	48	48	50	22	38	40		36	16	1,386	53	5	47	2
"	8	55	55	55	17	41			25	10	1,053	84	16	34	6
"	9	27	30	36	17		13		22	9	853	55		27	5
"	10	93	90	84	30	115			20	15	1,918	105	22	88	7
"	11	55	54	57	21	55			39	12	1,611	68		71	6
"	12	72	68	62	27		32		45	10	1,220	66	13	77	15
"	13	56	60	55	24	46			21	17	1,603	67		58	8
"	14	62	60	59	40	35	46			14	1,594	80	17	74	8
"	15	31	25	30	6	18			13	6	1,063	37	3	11	
"	16	48	44	45	22	14			29	27	1,611	52	1	47	
"	17	43	44	39	5	19			25	9	1,197	38	1	36	8
"	18	36	34	32	15		26		16	8	815	44	2	27	
Chili District	.	13	13	17	3		18		14	3	150	21		19	
China District	.	3	2	3					10	2	45	6		1	
Lodges under Dispensation	.	37	37	31											
Total	.	1,065	1,033	1,005	360	531	847	4	543	271	26,214	1,256	103	935	100

TABLES OF MASONIC DISTRICTS, FOR 1878.

GIVING THE NAME OF EACH LODGE, DATE OF CHARTER, LOCATION,
AND THE MONTH OF ANNUAL ELECTION FOR 1878.

DISTRICT No. I. — BOSTON.

R.W. HENRY G. FAY, BOSTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
SAINT JOHN'S . . .	1733 . .	Boston . . .	November
SAINT ANDREW'S . . .	1756 . .	Boston . . .	November
MASSACHUSETTS . . .	1770 . .	Boston . . .	December
COLUMBIAN . . .	1796 . .	Boston . . .	December
MOUNT LEBANON . . .	1801 . .	Boston . . .	December
GERMANIA . . .	1855 . .	Boston . . .	November
WINSLOW LEWIS . . .	1856 . .	Boston . . .	November
REVERE . . .	1857 . .	Boston . . .	December
JOSEPH WARREN . . .	1857 . .	Boston . . .	December
ABERDOUR . . .	1861 . .	Boston . . .	November
ELEUSIS . . .	1865 . .	Boston . . .	December
ZETLAND . . .	1868 . .	Boston . . .	December
JOSEPH WEBB . . .	1877 . .	Boston . . .	June

DISTRICT No. II. — CHARLESTOWN.

R.W. SELWIN Z. BOWMAN, SOMERVILLE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
KING SOLOMON'S . . .	1783 . .	Charlestown . .	October
AMICABLE . . .	1805 . .	Cambridgeport .	December
STAR OF BETHLEHEM .	1845 . .	Chelsea . . .	November
PUTNAM . . .	1855 . .	East Cambridge .	December
JOHN ABBOT . . .	1858 . .	Somerville . . .	September
HENRY PRICE . . .	1859 . .	Charlestown . .	October
MOUNT OLIVET . . .	1864 . .	Cambridge . . .	November
ROBERT LASH . . .	1867 . .	Chelsea . . .	November
FAITH . . .	1869 . .	Charlestown . .	December
PALESTINE . . .	1869 . .	Everett . . .	December

DISTRICT No. III. — BOSTON HIGHLANDS.

R.W. SETH C. AMES, EAST BOSTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
WASHINGTON . . .	1796 . .	Boston Highlands	November
UNION	1796 . .	Dorchester . . .	December
MOUNT TABOR . . .	1846 . .	East Boston . . .	November
SAINT PAUL'S . . .	1847 . .	South Boston . . .	December
BAALBEC	1853 . .	East Boston . . .	November
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	1856 . .	South Boston . . .	November
HAMMATT	1860 . .	East Boston . . .	December
LAFAYETTE	1866 . .	Boston Highlands	June
ADELPHI	1866 . .	South Boston . . .	November
ELIOT	1867 . .	Jamaica Plain . .	May
RABBONI	1870 . .	South Boston . . .	December
TEMPLE	1871 . .	East Boston . . .	December

DISTRICT No. IV. — CAMBRIDGE.

R.W. GEORGE J. TOWNSEND, NATICK, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
CORINTHIAN	1797 . .	Concord	October
MERIDIAN	1797 . .	Natick	October
BETHESDA	1819 . .	Brighton	December
MONITOR	1820 . .	Waltham	November
PEQUOSSETTE	1857 . .	Watertown	June
DALHOUSIE	1861 . .	Newtonville	June
BELMONT	1865 . .	Belmont	March
ISAAC PARKER	1868 . .	Waltham	December
MIZPAH	1868 . .	Cambridgeport . . .	December
BETH-HORON	1871 . .	Brookline	December
CHARLES A. WELCH . .	1873 . .	Maynard	March
FRATERNITY	1876 . .	Newtonville	October

DISTRICT NO. V. — SALEM.

R.W. WILLIAM C. MAXWELL, LYNN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
TYRIAN	1770 . .	Gloucester	November
ESSEX	1791 . .	Salem	December
MOUNT CARMEL . . .	1805 . .	Lynn	December
JORDAN	1808 . .	Peabody	November
LIBERTY	1824 . .	Beverly	December
ASHLER	1852 . .	Rockport	December
AMITY	1864 . .	Danvers	November
STARR KING	1865 . .	Salem	November
JOHN T. HEARD . . .	1865 . .	Ipswich	December
GOLDEN FLEECE . . .	1865 . .	Lynn	December
ACACIA	1866 . .	Gloucester	June
WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	1867 . .	Saugus	December
MOAIC	1871 . .	Danvers	December

DISTRICT NO. VI. — NEWBURYPORT.

R.W. THOMAS LEYLAND, LAWRENCE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
SAINT JOHN'S	1766 . .	Newburyport . . .	March
MERRIMACK	1802 . .	Haverhill	November
SAINT MARK'S	1803 . .	Newburyport . . .	September
WARREN	1822 . .	Amesbury	September
SAINT MATTHEW'S . . .	1822 . .	Andover	December
GRECIAN	1825 . .	Lawrence	September
JOHN HANCOCK	1861 . .	Methuen	September
TUSCAN	1863 . .	Lawrence	September
SAGGAHEW	1865 . .	Haverhill	December
CHARLES C. DAME . . .	1867 . .	Georgetown	January
BETHANY	1869 . .	Merrimac	September
PHOENICIAN	1871 . .	Lawrence	September
COCHICHEWICK	1875 . .	North Andover . . .	November

DISTRICT No. VII.—LOWELL.

D.W. SOLON W. STEVENS, LOWELL, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
SAINT PAUL	1797 . .	Ayer	October
AURORA	1801 . .	Fitchburg	September
PENTUCKET	1807 . .	Lowell	October
ANCIENT YORK	1853 . .	Lowell	October
TRINITY	1859 . .	Clinton	September
CALEB BUTLER	1860 . .	Ayer	December
CHARLES W. MOORE	1866 . .	Fitchburg	September
KILWINNING	1867 . .	Lowell	November
WILLIAM NORTH	1868 . .	Lowell	October

DISTRICT No. VIII.—GREENFIELD.

R.W. HENRY M. HUMPHREY, ATHOL, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
REPUBLICAN	1795 . .	Greenfield	November
HARMONY	1796 . .	Northfield	November
MOUNTAIN	1806 . .	Shelburne Falls	November
BETHEL	1825 . .	Enfield	November
ORANGE	1860 . .	Orange	November
HOPE	1865 . .	Gardner	October
STAR	1865 . .	Athol	November
ARTISAN	1866 . .	Winchendon	September
BAY STATE	1873 . .	Montague	October
ATHOL	1873 . .	Athol Centre	November

DISTRICT NO. IX. — PITTSFIELD.

R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL, PITTSFIELD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
EVENING STAR . . .	1795 . .	Lee	September
CINCINNATUS . . .	1796 . .	Great Barrington .	December
WISDOM	1803 . .	West Stockbridge	December
MYSTIC	1810 . .	Pittsfield . . .	October
LAFAYETTE	1849 . .	North Adams . .	December
BERKSHIRE	1858 . .	South Adams . .	November
GLOBE	1870 . .	Hinsdale . . .	November
UPTON	1870 . .	Cheshire . . .	November
OCCIDENTAL	1871 . .	Stockbridge . .	December
WILLIAMS	1872 . .	Williamstown . .	December
GREYLOCK	1872 . .	North Adams . .	November
CRESCENT	1874 . .	Pittsfield . . .	September

DISTRICT NO. X. — SPRINGFIELD.

R.W. JOHN A. HALL, SPRINGFIELD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
JERUSALEM	1797 . .	Northampton . .	November
HAMPDEN	1817 . .	Springfield . . .	November
CHICOPEE	1849 . .	Chicopee . . .	November
MOUNT TOM	1850 . .	Holyoke	November
MOUNT MORIAH . . .	1856 . .	Westfield . . .	September
ROSWELL LEE	1865 . .	Springfield . . .	November
HUNTINGTON	1867 . .	Huntington . . .	December
IONIC	1868 . .	Easthampton . .	November
MOUNT HOLYOKE . . .	1870 . .	South Hadley Falls	November
MORNING SUN	1870 . .	Conway	November
BELCHER	1871 . .	Chicopee Falls .	October
HAMPSHIRE	1872 . .	Haydenville . .	November

DISTRICT No. XI. — WORCESTER.

R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY, WORCESTER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
MORNING STAR . . .	1793 . . .	Worcester . . .	November
MOUNT ZION . . .	1800 . . .	Barre . . .	September
MONTACUTE . . .	1859 . . .	Worcester . . .	November
WEBSTER . . .	1859 . . .	Webster . . .	December
WILDER . . .	1860 . . .	Leominster . . .	September
OXFORD . . .	1860 . . .	Oxford . . .	September
UNITED BRETHREN . .	1860 . . .	Marlborough . .	November
DORIC . . .	1864 . . .	Hudson . . .	September
ATHELSTAN . . .	1866 . . .	Worcester . . .	November
SAINT BERNARD . . .	1868 . . .	Southborough . .	September
QUINSIGAMOND . . .	1871 . . .	Worcester . . .	October
SPENCER . . .	1872 . . .	Spencer . . .	October
BOYLSTON . . .	1877 . . .	West Boylston . .	October

DISTRICT No. XII. — MILFORD.

R.W. WM. H. PHIPPS, SO. FRAMINGHAM, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
MIDDLESEX . . .	1795 . . .	Framingham . . .	November
MONTGOMERY . . .	1797 . . .	Milford . . .	October
OLIVE BRANCH . . .	1797 . . .	Millbury . . .	October
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE . .	1818 . . .	Uxbridge . . .	October
FRANKLIN . . .	1852 . . .	Grafton . . .	November
BLACKSTONE RIVER . .	1856 . . .	Blackstone . . .	November
JOHN WARREN . . .	1861 . . .	Hopkinton . . .	October
NORTH STAR . . .	1865 . . .	Ashland . . .	November
MOUNT HOLLIS . . .	1865 . . .	Holliston . . .	December
EXCELSIOR . . .	1867 . . .	Franklin . . .	January
SILAM . . .	1867 . . .	Westborough . . .	November
CHARLES RIVER . . .	1871 . . .	West Medway . . .	October
ALPHA . . .	1876 . . .	South Framingham	September
MUMFORD RIVER . . .	— . . .	East Douglas . . .	—

DISTRICT No. XIII. — DEDHAM.

R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY, DEDHAM, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
BRISTOL	1797 . .	No. Attleborough .	December
RISING STAR	1799 . .	Stoughton	November
SAINT ALBAN'S	1818 . .	Foxborough	July
ORIENT	1862 . .	Norwood	January
BLUE HILL	1864 . .	Canton	November
SAINT JAMES	1865 . .	Mansfield	December
HYDE PARK	1866 . .	Hyde Park	December
EZEKIEL BATES	1871 . .	Attleborough	December
CONSTELLATION	1872 . .	Dedham	March
NORFOLK	1875 . .	Needham	May

DISTRICT No. XIV. — NEW BEDFORD.

R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART, FALL RIVER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
UNION	1771 . .	Nantucket	December
MARINE	1798 . .	Falmouth	December
STAR IN THE EAST . . .	1823 . .	New Bedford	January
MOUNT HOPE	1824 . .	Fall River	November
EUREKA	1858 . .	New Bedford	January
MARTHA'S VINEYARD . . .	1860 . .	Vineyard Haven . . .	December
PYTHAGOREAN	1863 . .	Marion	December
PIONEER	1864 . .	Somerset	November
MAY FLOWER	1865 . .	Middleborough	December
KING PHILIP	1866 . .	Fall River	November
ORIENTAL	1867 . .	Edgartown	December
CONCORDIA	1873 . .	Fairhaven	December
NARRAGANSETT	1876 . .	Fall River	December

DISTRICT No. XV. — BARNSTABLE.

R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS, BARNSTABLE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
KING HIRAM	1796 . .	Provincetown . .	November
FRATERNAL	1801 . .	Hyannis	January
SOCIAL HARMONY . .	1823 . .	Wareham	December
MOUNT HOREB	1855 . .	West Harwich . .	December
DE WITT CLINTON . .	1856 . .	Sandwich	December
PILGRIM	1860 . .	South Harwich . .	December
JAMES OTIS	1866 . .	Barnstable	October
ADAMS	1866 . .	Wellfleet	January
HOWARD	1870 . .	South Yarmouth . .	January
MARINERS	1871 . .	Cotuit	January
SAINT MARTIN'S . . .	1873 . .	Chatham	December

DISTRICT No. XVI. — PLYMOUTH.

R.W. LEAVITT BATES, EAST WEYMOUTH D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
OLD COLONY	1792 . .	Hingham	December
CORNER STONE	1801 . .	Duxbury	November
ORPHAN'S HOPE . . .	1825 . .	East Weymouth . .	May
PLYMOUTH	1825 . .	Plymouth	November
JOHN CUTLER	1860 . .	Abington	September
KONOHASSETT	1865 . .	Cohasset	January
DELTA	1869 . .	Weymouth	October
PURITAN	1870 . .	South Abington . .	September
PHOENIX	1874 . .	Hanover	December
SATUIT	1876 . .	Scituate	May

DISTRICT No. XVII. — WOBURN.

R.W. JOHN VIALI, MEDFORD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
HIRAM	1797 . .	Arlington	November
MOUNT HERMON . . .	1855 . .	Medford	December
MOUNT HOREB	1856 . .	Woburn	December
WYOMING	1857 . .	Melrose	September
MOUNT VERNON . . .	1858 . .	Malden	November
WILLIAM PARKMAN . .	1865 . .	Winchester . . .	December
CHARITY	1870 . .	North Cambridge	December
GOOD SAMARITAN . .	1871 . .	Reading	September
SIMON W. ROBINSON .	1871 . .	Lexington	November
KING CYRUS	1876 . .	Stoneham	December

DISTRICT No. XVIII. — PALMER.

. R.W. GEORGE ROBINSON, PALMER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
THOMAS	1796 . .	Palmer	November
PACIFIC	1801 . .	Amherst	November
QUABOAG	1859 . .	Warren	November
QUINEBAUG	1860 . .	Southbridge . . .	September
DAY SPRING	1863 . .	Monson	December
HAYDEN	1864 . .	Brookfield	November
EDEN	1864 . .	Ware	November
VERNON	1870 . .	Belchertown . . .	December
NEWTON	1871 . .	Wilbraham	November
ANCHOR	1874 . .	Wales	December

DISTRICT No. XIX. — TAUNTON.

R.W. FRANK MORTON, RANDOLPH, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
FELLOWSHIP	1797 . .	Bridgewater . .	September
KING DAVID	1798 . .	Taunton	November
RURAL	1801 . .	Quincy	November
NORFOLK UNION . .	1819 . .	Randolph	November
PAUL REVERE	1857 . .	Brockton	December
ALFRED BAYLIES . .	1866 . .	Taunton	October
IONIC	1867 . .	Taunton	November
PAUL DEAN	1868 . .	North Easton . .	November
CHARLES H. TITUS .	1873 . .	Taunton	October
SAINT GEORGE	— . .	Campello	—

CHILI DISTRICT.

R.W. REV. DAVID TRUMBULL, D.D., VALPARAISO,
D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
BETHESDA	1854 . .	Valparaiso	August
ACONCAGUA	1871 . .	Valparaiso	August
HUELEN	1877 . .	Santiago	August

CHINA DISTRICT.

No Deputy is appointed for this Lodge. The W. Master will report directly to the Grand Master, or through R.W. William F. Salmon, of Lowell, the Proxy of the Lodge.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
ANCIENT LANDMARK .	1854 . .	Shanghai	October

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

LODGES, THEIR LOCATIONS AND SECRETARIES,

FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
ABERDOUR . . .	Boston . . .	Charles I. Eaton.
ACACIA . . .	Gloucester . . .	Frederick L. Stacy.
ACONCAGUA . . .	Valparaiso, Chili, S.A.	George B. Sebert.
ADAMS . . .	Wellfleet . . .	Edwin P. Cook.
ADELPHI . . .	South Boston . . .	William H. Morse.
ALFRED BAYLIES .	Taunton . . .	Lemuel T. Talbot.
ALPHA . . .	South Framingham	Charles S. Hunt.
AMICABLE . . .	Cambridgeport . .	Charles Tufts.
AMITY . . .	Danvers . . .	Joseph E. Hood.
ANCHOR . . .	Wales . . .	Charles G. Needham.
ANCIENT LANDMARK	Shanghai, China .	George L. Skinner.
ANCIENT YORK . .	Lowell . . .	Duane P. Stacy.
ARTISAN . . .	Winchendon . . .	George M. Whitney.
ASHLER . . .	Rockport . . .	William G. Davis, Jr.
ATHELSTAN . . .	Worcester . . .	George C. Holden.
ATHOL . . .	Athol Centre . . .	E. Ward Cooke.
AURORA . . .	Fitchburg . . .	Frederick A. Currier.
BAALBEC . . .	East Boston . . .	John Marno.
BAY STATE . . .	Montague . . .	Charles P. Wright.
BELCHER . . .	Chicopee Falls . .	Nathaniel Clark.
BELMONT . . .	Belmont . . .	James A. Chamberlin.
BERKSHIRE . . .	South Adams . . .	Byron P. Myers.
BETHANY . . .	Merrimac . . .	Le Burton W. Colby.
BETHEL . . .	Enfield . . .	Robert D. Bussey.
BETHESDA . . .	Brighton . . .	John T. Needham.
BETHESDA . . .	Valparaiso, Chili, S.A.	Charles Milliel.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
BETH-HORON . . .	Brookline . . .	Francis H. Bacon.
BLACKSTONE RIVER	Blackstone . . .	William H. Hawkins.
BLUE HILL . . .	Canton . . .	Nathaniel W. Dunbar.
BOYLSTON . . .	West Boylston . .	Winsor T. Butler.
BRISTOL . . .	North Attleborough	Thomas G. Sandland.
CALEB BUTLER . .	Ayer . . .	Leonard A. Buck.
CHARITY . . .	North Cambridge .	Thomas T. Ferguson.
CHARLES A. WELCH	Maynard . . .	William H. Maynard.
CHARLES C. DAME	Georgetown . . .	Robert A. Coker.
CHARLES H. TITUS	Taunton . . .	Cornelius H. Paull.
CHARLES RIVER .	West Medway . .	Henry C. Austin.
CHARLES W. MOORE	Fitchburg . . .	Joseph L. Stratton.
CHICOPEE . . .	Chicopee . . .	James C. Buckley.
CINCINNATUS . .	Great Barrington .	Marcus H. Rogers.
COCHICHEWICK . .	North Andover . .	Charles F. Johnson.
COLUMBIAN . . .	Boston . . .	William Martin.
CONCORDIA . . .	Fairhaven . . .	Seth H. Keith.
CONSTELLATION .	Dedham . . .	Edwin A. Brooks.
CORINTHIAN . . .	Concord . . .	Charles E. Brown.
CORNER STONE . .	Duxbury . . .	George A. Green.
CRESCENT . . .	Pittsfield . . .	Theodore L. Allen.
DALHOUSIE . . .	Newtonville . . .	Edward E. Morgan.
DAY SPRING . . .	Monson . . .	Alvin A. Gage.
DELTA . . .	Weymouth . . .	Charles G. Thompson.
DE WITT CLINTON	Sandwich . . .	John Q. Miller.
DORIC . . .	Hudson . . .	Edward A. Holyoke.
EDEN . . .	Ware . . .	Henry O. Caryl.
ELEUSIS . . .	Boston . . .	George F. Child.
ELIOT . . .	Jamaica Plain . .	Charles H. Smith.
ESSEX . . .	Salem . . .	John J. Coker.
EUREKA . . .	New Bedford . . .	George W. Parker.
EVENING STAR . .	Lee . . .	D. B. DeWolf.
EXCELSIOR . . .	Franklin . . .	William A. Wyckoff.
EZEKIEL BATES .	Attleborough . .	Thomas S. Nye.
FAITH . . .	Charlestown . . .	Joseph W. Linnell.
FELLOWSHIP . . .	Bridgewater . . .	Warren K. Churchill.
FRANKLIN . . .	Grafton . . .	William S. Wood.
FRATERNAL . . .	Hyannis . . .	Oliver C. Hoxie.
FRATERNITY . . .	Newtonville . . .	Francis Elder.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	South Boston . .	Henry Landt.
GERMANIA . . .	Boston . . .	Emil Heidenreich.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
GLOBE	Hinsdale	Charles C. Wright.
GOLDEN FLEECE	Lynn	William B. Phillips.
GOOD SAMARITAN	Reading	William E. Beard.
GRECIAN	Lawrence	Charles H. Littlefield.
GREYLOCK	North Adams	George H. Patrick.
HAMMATT	East Boston	Samuel L. Fowle.
HAMPDEN	Springfield	Charles Taylor.
HAMPSHIRE	Haydenville	Wilmot L. Clark.
HARMONY	Northfield	George T. Alexander.
HAYDEN	Brookfield	Rev. F. G. Morris.
HENRY PRICE	Charlestown	Charles H. Willard.
HIRAM	Arlington	Leander D. Bradley.
HOPE	Gardner	John C. Stone.
HOWARD	South Yarmouth	Zenas P. Howes.
HUELEN	Santiago, Chili.	P. Ewing.
HUNTINGTON	Huntington	Thomas Davis.
HYDE PARK	Hyde Park	Henry S. Bunton.
IONIC	Taunton	George E. Manning.
IONIC	Easthampton	Lafayette Clapp, Jr.
ISAAC PARKER	Waltham	Charles I. Eaton.
JAMES OTIS	Barnstable	Ansel D. Lothrop.
JERUSALEM	Northampton	John A. Prentiss.
JOHN ABBOT	Somerville	George L. Baxter.
JOHN CUTLER	Abington	Erastus M. Nash.
JOHN HANCOCK	Methuen	John G. Low.
JOHN T. HEARD	Ipswich	William H. Tozer.
JOHN WARREN	Hopkinton	Edson F. Hodge.
JORDAN	Peabody	Charles H. Goulding.
JOSEPH WARREN	Boston	Ivory H. Pope.
JOSEPH WEBB	Boston	Francis A. Chase.
KILWINNING	Lowell	Thomas Stott.
KING CYRUS	Stoneham	George L. W. Dike.
KING DAVID	Taunton	Gustavus T. Fisher.
KING HIRAM	Provincetown	Reuben W. Fisher.
KING PHILIP	Fall River	Charles E. D. Peirce.
KING SOLOMON	Charlestown	George W. Abbott.
KONOHASSETT	Cohasset	James H. Bouvé.
LAFAYETTE	Boston Highlands	John D. Willard.
LAFAYETTE	North Adams	Charles H. Warren.
LIBERTY	Beverly	Augustus Stevens.
MARINE	Falmouth	Charles N. Thayer.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
MARINERS . . .	Cotuit	Andrew Lovell.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD	Vineyard Haven .	Rev. Dan'l W. Stevens.
MASSACHUSETTS .	Boston	Charles O. Fox.
MAYFLOWER . . .	Middleborough .	Benjamin F. Tripp.
MERIDIAN	Natick	Charles W. Burks.
MERRIMACK . . .	Haverhill	Francis J. Stevens.
MIDDLESEX . . .	Framingham . . .	James H. Stewart.
MIZPAH	Cambridgeport .	George E. Ryder.
MONITOR	Waltham	Thomas Kirke.
MORNING STAR . .	Worcester	Henry K. Belcher.
MORNING SUN . . .	Conway	Henry W. Billings.
MONTACUTE . . .	Worcester	Fred W. Southwick.
MONTGOMERY . . .	Milford	Charles E. Whitney.
MOSAIC	Danvers	George H. Perkins.
MOUNTAIN	Shelburne Falls .	Joseph H. Wilder.
MOUNT CARMEL . .	Lynn	Timothy Stevens.
MOUNT HERMON . .	Medford	Parker R. Litchfield.
MOUNT HOLLIS . .	Holliston	Herman Bragg.
MOUNT HOLYOKE .	South Hadley Falls.	Campbell Chapin.
MOUNT HOPE . . .	Fall River	Andrew M. Speedie.
MOUNT HOREB . . .	Woburn	Sparrow Horton.
MOUNT HOREB . . .	West Harwich . .	Samuel S. Baker.
MOUNT LEBANON .	Boston	Warren B. Ellis.
MOUNT MORIAH . .	Westfield	James R. Gladwin.
MOUNT OLIVET . .	Cambridge	Charles L. Fuller.
MOUNT TABOR . . .	East Boston . . .	J. H. S. Pearson.
MOUNT TOM	Holyoke	Frank H. Chamberlin.
MOUNT VERNON . .	Malden	Alfred Tonks.
MOUNT ZION . . .	Barre	Charles H. Follansby.
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PAST GRAND MASTERS.

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| *Joseph Webb, 1777–81, 1784–86. | *Elijah Crane, 1832. |
| *John Warren, 1782, 83, 1787. | *Joshua B. Flint, 1834–36. |
| *Moses M. Hays, 1788–91. | *Rev. Paul Dean, 1837–39. |
| *John Cutler, 1792, 93. | *Caleb Butler, 1840, 41. |
| *Paul Revere, 1794–96. | *Augustus Peabody, 1842–44. |
| *Josiah Bartlett, 1797, 98, 1809. | *Simon W. Robinson, 1845–47. |
| *Samuel Dunn, 1799–1801. | *Edward A. Raymond, 1848–50. |
| *Isaiah Thomas, 1802–1804, 1808. | *Rt. Rev. G. M. Randall, 1851–1853. |
| *Timothy Bigelow, 1805–7, 1810–1812. | *Winslow Lewis, 1854, 55, 1859. |
| *Benjamin Russell, 1813–15. | John T. Heard, 1856–58. |
| *Francis J. Oliver, 1816–18. | William D. Coolidge, 1860, 61. |
| *Samuel P. P. Fay, 1819. | William Parkman, 1862–64. |
| *John Dixwell, 1820–22. | Charles C. Dame, 1865–67. |
| *John Abbot, 1823–25, 1833. | William S. Gardner, 1868–70. |
| *John Soley, 1826–28. | Sereno D. Nickerson, 1871–73. |
| *Joseph Jenkins, 1829–31. | Percival L. Everett, 1874–76. |
| *Charles W. Moore, elected Honorary Past Grand Master December 10, 1873. | |

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| *Moses Deshon, 1777, 78. | *William Scollay, 1794, 95. |
| *Samuel Barrett, 1779–81. | *Samuel Dunn, 1796–98. |
| *Paul Revere, 1782–84, 1790, 91. | *Joseph Laughton, 1798–1801. |
| *John Lowell, 1785–87, 1792. | *Simon Elliot, 1802–7. |
| *Perez Morton, 1788, 89. | *John Boyle, 1808, 9. |
| *Josiah Bartlett, 1793. | *Samuel Bradford, 1810. |

*Rev. Thad. M. Harris, 1811.
 *Francis J. Oliver, 1812-1815.
 *John Dixwell, 1816, 17.
 *Samuel P. P. Fay, 1818.
 *Rev. Asa Eaton, 1819.
 *John Abbot, 1820-22.
 *Caleb Butler, 1823-25.
 *John Bartlett, 1826-28.
 *Elijah Morse, 1829.
 *William Hilliard, 1830.
 *David Wilder, 1831.
 Abraham A. Dame, 1832, 33.
 *Rev. Paul Dean, 1834-36.
 George G. Smith, 1837-39.
 *Simon W. Robinson, 1840-42.
 *John B. Hammatt, 1843.
 Rev. E. M. P. Wells, 1844.

*Winslow Lewis, Jr., 1845-47.
 *Rt. Rev. G. M. Randall, 1848-50.
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 Abraham T. Lowe, 1854, 55.
 *†Rev. William Flint, 1856-58.
 Charles R. Train, 1859.
 Jerome V. C. Smith, 1859.
 G. Washington Warren, 1860.
 Marshall P. Wilder, 1861.
 Charles C. Dame, 1862-64.
 Serenio D. Nickerson, 1865.
 *Newell A. Thompson, 1866.
 *Charles W. Moore, 1867.
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 Charles A. Welch, 1874-76.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

*Samuel Barrett, 1777, 78.
 *Paul Revere, 1779-82.
 *Perez Morton, 1783, 84.
 *John Juteau, 1785, 1789.
 *Josiah Bartlett, 1786, 1788, 1791, 1792.
 *Timothy Whiting, 1787.
 *Thomas Edwards, 1790.
 *Mungo Mackay, 1793.
 *Isaiah Thomas, 1794-96.
 *Joseph Laughton, 1797, 98.
 *John Boyle, 1799-1801.
 *Isaac Hurd, 1802.
 *Timothy Bigelow, 1803, 1804.
 *John Soley, 1805, 1806.
 *Shubael Bell, 1807.
 *Henry Fowle, 1808.
 *Francis J. Oliver, 1809-11.
 *Benjamin Russell, 1812.
 *John Abbot, 1813.
 *John B. Hammatt, 1814, 15.
 *Augustus Peabody, 1816.

*Caleb Butler, 1817, 18.
 *Andrew Sigourney, 1819.
 *Thomas Cole, 1820, 21.
 *Elijah Crane, 1822.
 *Samuel Thaxter, 1823-25.
 *John Keys, 1826, 27.
 *Seth Sprague, Jr., 1828.
 Abraham A. Dame, 1829-31.
 *William J. Whipple, 1832.
 *Elias Haskell, 1833-35.
 *Benjamin B. Appleton, 1836.
 *Simon W. Robinson, 1837-39.
 *Thomas Tolman, 1840-42.
 *Robert Lash, 1843.
 *Robert Keith, 1844.
 *Edward A. Raymond, 1845-47.
 *John J. Loring, 1848.
 *Thomas M. Vinson, 1849, 50.
 *William Ferson, 1851.
 Daniel Harwood, 1852.
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 *William North, 1860.
 Henry Chickering, 1861.
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 William W. Baker, 1863 (June).
 William S. Gardner, 1863.
 *Wendell T. Davis, 1864.
 William Sutton, 1865.

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 William F. Salmon, 1867.
 *Ithamar F. Conkey, 1868.
 Samuel C. Lawrence, 1869.
 David W. Crafts, 1870.
 Charles Kimball, 1871.
 Henry Endicott, 1872.
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PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

*Paul Revere, 1777, 78.
 *Thomas Crafts, 1779.
 *James Jackson, 1780.
 *Edward Proctor, 1781.
 *James Carter, 1782.
 *John Juteau, 1783, 84.
 *Moses M. Hays, 1785.
 *Thomas Edwards, 1786, 87.
 *Elisha Porter, 1788.
 *Aaron Dexter, 1789-91.
 *Mungo McKay, 1792.
 *Samuel Parkman, 1793.
 *Richard Salter, 1794.
 *Joseph Laughton, 1795, 96.
 *William Little, 1797.
 *John Boyle, 1798.
 *Rev. Thad. M. Harris, 1799.
 *Isaac Hurd, 1800, 1801.
 *Timothy Bigelow, 1802.
 *John Soley, 1803, 1804.
 *Shubael Bell, 1805, 1806.
 *Henry Fowle, 1807.
 *Francis J. Oliver, 1808.
 *Oliver Prescott, 1809.
 *Benjamin Russell, 1810, 11.
 *John Abbot, 1812.
 *John B. Hammatt, 1813.
 *Joseph Baker, 1814, 15.

*Ralph H. French, 1816.
 *James C. King, 1817.
 *Joseph Jenkins, 1818.
 *Thomas Cole, 1819.
 *Elijah Crane, 1820, 21.
 *Samuel Thaxter, 1822.
 *John Keys, 1823-25.
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 *†Asa T. Newhall, 1849, 50.
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